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## Madrid bomb blast kills 2, injures 38

MADRID, Nov 23, (UPI): A two-year-old boy died today, bringing to two the number of dead in a Basque separatist bombing that marked the first terrorist attack in the capital in 18 months, authorities said.

The bomb exploded under a sentry box at the headquarters of the paramilitary civil guard on

Madrid's west side late last night and was heard across the city.

Thirty-eight people were injured in the blast, which blew open a 16-foot (5-metre) hole in the building, but only 20 remained hospitalised today.

**Serious**  
A 38-year-old man identified as Jaime Bilbao died instantly

when his car was hit by the force of the explosion.

Two-year-old Luis Delgado, who was in a car with his parents when the bomb exploded near them, died eight hours later of head wounds. His parents remained in very serious condition, hospital spokesmen said.

The bomb went off beneath a

sentry box near the barracks of the headquarters where 145 civil guards were sleeping at the time of the blast.

State security spokesman Augustin Villadolid said the attack had all the marks of the Basque separatist group ETA, a Basque language acronym for Basque Homeland and Liberty.

## 'Sexual harassment widespread in workplace'

NEW YORK, Nov 23, (AP): Sex harassment complaints by female employees have been reported over the past year at 90 per cent of big corporations that responded to a survey released yesterday by Working Woman magazine.

In addition, the survey found more than a third of the 160 companies had been sued by victims, a quarter had been sued repeatedly, and each spent an average of \$6.7 million a year in costs related to sex harassment.

Among other findings, the survey said that two-thirds of complaints are made against immediate supervisors and upper management and that most cases of sex harassment are found to be valid.

**Survey**  
Working Woman called it the first scientific sampling of sex harassment at major US companies.

The survey said that the overwhelming number of incidents were reported by women complaining about unwanted attention from men and that women in predominantly male workplaces felt the most vulnerable.

The magazine also said the survey found how a problem once regarded as a feminist issue had become a substantial business concern, partly because of the increasing numbers of women at all levels of the work force.

"This is no longer the stereotypical old boss chasing the pretty young secretary around the desk," Anne Mollegen Smith, editor in chief, said at a news conference. "If companies don't deal with it better, this is a financial time bomb for American business."



The Stealth B-2 bomber is shown for the first time at Northrop's airplane factory in the California Mojave desert. (Reuters wirephoto)

## B-2 Stealth bomber unveiled

PALMDALE, California, Nov 23, (UPI): The B-2 Stealth strategic bomber will take to the air for the first time by early January, the Air Force said after showing off the revolutionary \$450-million plane for the first time.

Tuesday's carefully orchestrated and heavily guarded public debut of the boomerang-shaped "flying wing" capped a decade of multibillion-dollar research and development by government and private contractors.

**Strategic**  
"The B-2 bomber represents a stabilizing system in time of crisis and an essential component of our strategic nuclear forces as we progress down the path of nuclear arms reductions," Air Force secretary Edward C. Aldridge Jr said at the ritual rollout of the plane, which is designed to be invisible to enemy radar.

**The unique operational**

capabilities, both nuclear and conventional, that the B-2 will give our strategic forces will promote deterrence of nuclear conflict," he said. "Its Stealth capability will permit it to penetrate the most sophisticated air defences and survive well into the 21st century."

Aldridge said he hopes "that the B-2 will strengthen the cause of peace — and that this magnificent aircraft will never fly in anger."

The crowd of reporters, aerospace workers, dignitaries and military officers was allowed no closer than 200 yards to the strange looking black-and-gray plane, which official said was positioned on the tarmac so it would reveal as little as possible of its unique features to any spy satellite that might have been overhead.

It took three minutes to tow the plane from its hangar at Northrop's high-security plant 42 in the Mojave desert about 50 miles

(80 km) north of Los Angeles.

The crowd cheered at the first glimpse of the plane, which is virtually all swept-back, squared-off wing, with no traditional fuselage or tail assembly. It is only as long as an F-15 fighter — about 70 feet (20 m) — but has a wingspan of 172 feet (52.5 m) about that of a B-52 Stratofortress.

More than 200 guards and military police with attack dogs were on hand to ensure that no one saw anything but the direct frontal view that obscured the control surfaces and events for the twin jet exhausts.

The prime contractor is Northrop Corp., which has been accused in a federal court suit of fraudulently charging the government up to \$1 billion in cost overruns during development of the plane.

It is estimated that the Stealth bomber programme will cost \$60 billion by the time the fleet of 132 planes is flying in the mid-1990s.

## Benazir raps delay in naming premier

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head of the Jamiat Ulema-i-Islam, a Muslim party and PPP ally, and Altaf Hussain, leader of the ethnic Mohajir Qaumi Movement, which holds the third largest number of seats in the newly elected assembly.

Sharif said yesterday that he warned Ishaq Khan not to name a prime minister before an assembly vote decides whose party is in the majority.

A premature nomination would give that candidate's party a "contrived majority," he said, presumably referring to PPP.

To nominate a prime minister "simply because a group has more seats is unfair," Sharif con-

tended. "We want a natural majority rather than a contrived majority."

Ishaq Khan has promised to step down once the new federal and provincial assemblies meet.

But political analysts have speculated Benazir might support him for re-election to reassure the armed forces.

### Policies

"We feel the office of President should be filled by a person who is experienced and ... who has a knowledge of the different policies that have been followed since the inception of Pakistan," she said.

"We are interested in a person

who would be a neutral and abide by constitutional requirements."

Senator Javed Jabbar became the first member of the upper house of Parliament to announce his support for the PPP, telling Benazir's news conference he was joining the party.

### Tropical storm

MIAMI, Nov 23, (UPI): Tropical storm Keith swept across marshy central Florida today as a "big area of wind," shedding most of its moisture while spawning nine tornadoes as it sped across the peninsula to the Atlantic Ocean.

## Danger to shipping reduced: minister

ABU DHABI, Nov 23, (Reuters): Italian warships will leave the Gulf because the August cease-fire between Iran and Iraq has reduced dangers to shipping, Italy's defence minister said today.

Valerio Zanone was speaking at a farewell ceremony aboard the frigate Euro for the five ships of the Italian Gulf naval task force, stationed in the region since September 1987.

**Concluded**  
"The danger has sufficiently decreased so (the) Italian mission can be considered concluded," he told reporters at the end of a two-day visit to the United Arab Emirates (UAE).

"As far as mine vigilance is concerned, there is now a coordinated operation among several navies under the aegis of the Western European Union which will be concluded within the next few days."

The Italian frigate Sagittario and supply vessel Stramboli will leave the Gulf within two days. The remaining Italian ships, the Euro and minehunters Loto and Castagne, will return home before the end of the year, Zanone said.

Italian, Dutch, British, Belgian and French minesweepers have been clearing a route for oil tankers from the Strait of Hormuz, the waterway's entrance, Italian officials said.

Diplomats in the Gulf said most Western nations thought that the Aug 20 cease-fire between Iran and Iraq will hold but expect that a complete peace will be hard to achieve.

Belgium withdrew the last of its ships on Nov 13 and the last Dutch minesweeper will leave on Dec 2.

The United States has scaled down its escort operations and withdrawn two ships but about 25 US Naval vessels remain in the area, diplomats said.

France has cut the number of its warships from 11 to seven, while Britain will keep its nine vessels in the region until Iran and Iraq sign a full peace treaty, they said.

## Hungary to have new premier

BUDAPEST, Nov 23, (AP): Miklos Nemeth, a 41-year-old economist with training at America's prestigious Harvard University, was named today to succeed Communist Party leader Karoly Grosz as premier.

Veteran economic reformer Reszo Nyers, like Nemeth a member of the ruling Communist Party Politburo, was named to the newly created post of minister of state for the economy.

The new appointments, to be approved by Parliament tomorrow, were announced at a news conference by Gyorgy Fejti, secretary of the Communist Party's policy-setting central committee.

## 48 injured in train crash

CAIRO, Nov 23, (Reuters): Forty-eight people were injured early today when a passenger train collided with another stalled on railway tracks north of Cairo, police sources said.

The stationary train was awaiting repairs when the second, travelling from the Mediterranean port of Alexandria, hit it.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Gatherings banned

BELGRADE, Nov 23, (Reuters): Police in Yugoslavia's tense Kosovo province today banned all mass gatherings, after five days of street protests by ethnic Albanians.

### Soviet unrest

MOSCOW, Nov 23, (Reuters): Three Soviet soldiers were killed and 126 people injured when troops were sent to quell clashes between Armenians and Azerbaijanis, the Azerbaijani Foreign Ministry said today.

### JFK remembered

WASHINGTON, Nov 23, (AP): Family and friends of John F. Kennedy paused to reflect on the tragic day 25 years ago when the young president was slain in Dallas and "the heartbeat of a nation stood still."

### Christina's body

BUENOS AIRES, Nov 23, (Reuters): Argentina agreed to allow the body of shipping heiress Christina Onassis to be flown home to Greece today for burial, but pathologists continued tests to determine whether she was killed by drugs.

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## Genscher to visit Iran on hostages

LONDON, Nov 23, (Reuters): The UN envoy who mediated the Soviet withdrawal from Afghanistan is likely to be replaced in talks aimed at reconciling the Kabul government and Afghan guerrillas, UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar was quoted today as saying.

The Independent newspaper quoted Perez de Cuellar as saying he would take an active role in efforts to end fighting and to create an interim government acceptable to all.

Asked if UN special representative Diego Cordovez would be replaced in the internal settlement talks, he replied: "Yes, I think so."

**Half**  
He said Cordovez would continue overseeing the withdrawal of Soviet troops and other aspects of the Afghan agreement. Cordovez, who resigned from his UN post at the office of special political affairs earlier this year to become foreign minister of Ecuador, mediated an

**MANILA, Nov 23, (AP):** Police arrested a transport union leader and five others today as passenger jeep drivers struck for a third straight day after President Corazon Aquino rejected demands for price cuts and a freeze on fare reductions.

Police said an undetermined number of drivers stayed off the job in the capital today but that the disruption was less than on Monday, when the strike stranded thousands of commuters in Manila and Cebu.

**BANGKOK, Nov 23, (UPI):** The death toll from southern Thailand's worst floods in decades today rose to 28 as heavy rains continued to fall, provincial officials said.

"It is still raining here and already 12 people have been killed," said Chit Limpanich, Governor of Songkhla province, 480 miles (770 km) south of Bangkok.

Two of the dead in Songkhla were Malaysian tourists whose car was swept away by flood waters in Sadao district near the Malaysian border.

accord in Geneva in April paving the way for a Soviet pullout from Afghanistan.

Moscow has already withdrawn half its original 120,000 strong force. The rest are expected to leave within four months.

Cordovez has come under heavy criticism from some radical Afghan guerrilla leaders and has failed to reconcile rival rebel factions or get them to agree to an interim government with the Kabul authorities.

**Role** Perez de Cuellar said the United Nations had an active role to play in reconciling the warring factions.

"I have felt that it is indispensable that I get personally involved and I have been in touch with the Kabul government and Rabanni, who is the leader of the (guerrilla) alliance.

"It is clear that I am now mandated by the (UN) General Assembly (to see that) all Afghan parties are represented in a democratic government."

**NICOSIA, Nov 23, (Reuter):** West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher will visit Iran on Sunday to discuss Western hostages in Lebanon and other issues, an Iranian newspaper said today.

Genscher would be the most senior Western leader to visit Tehran since a ceasefire in the Iran-Iraq war on Aug. 20. The Tehran Times daily said his trip would boost Iran's policy of forging better ties with Western Europe.

**Mediator**

Iran's IRNA news agency, monitored in Nicosia, quoted the newspaper as saying Genscher would meet top Iranian politician Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani and other officials on a three-day trip.

The paper said Genscher might act as mediator in efforts to release 18 Western nationals believed held captive by pro-Iranian groups in Lebanon.

## Sharpeville Six appeal rejected

**BLOEMFONTEIN, South Africa, Nov 23, (Reuter):** South Africa's highest court today rejected an appeal for the retrial of six blacks convicted for their part in the mob murder of a black councillor, the national news agency reported.

The appeal was the last legal recourse for the so-called Sharpsville Six, five black men and a woman who have been sentenced to death for the killing.

The convictions have raised a storm of controversy around the world.

The appeal court in the Orange Free State capital of Bloemfontein dismissed the application to reopen the trial, the South African Press Association said. The appeal exhausted the legal

## Ozal's

avenues of the six, who have spent more than 1,000 days on death row. Their only hope of avoiding the gallows now is to appeal for clemency to President P.W. Botha.

Defence lawyer Prakash Diar said the decision was disappointing.

"We had hoped that the court would have been reopened so that all allegations against the six could have been properly canvassed. We will have to approach the state President. It will take us

The six who come from the

The six, who come from the black township of Sharpeville south of Johannesburg, were sentenced to death in December 1985 for their part in the mob killing of black town councillor



**Jacob Dlamini in September 1984.**  
The case stirred international

outrage and appeals for clemency because the six were convicted of sharing a common purpose with the mob rather than actually carrying out the murder.

Defence lawyers applied for the case to be reopened because a key state witness, Joseph Manette, said he had lied at the original trial because of police pressure.

Dlamini was stoned, stabbed and then burned during widespread anti-apartheid unrest in

The appeal court backed a decision by the original trial judge, Justice W. J. Human, not to reopen the trial.

TO THE HONORABLE SENATE

**ANKARA, Nov 23, (Reuters):** A gunman who tried to kill Turkish Prime Minister Turgut Ozal with a World War One vintage pistol was jailed today for 20 years, the semi-official Anatolian news agency reported.

The ruling by a three-judge panel ordered Kartal Demirag's execution by hanging but then lowered the sentence to 20 years in jail because he had failed to kill

One of Demirag's bullets hit Ozal, 61, in the hand and a second narrowly missed his head as he was addressing thousands of supporters at the congress of

his ruling Motherland Party in Ankara in June.

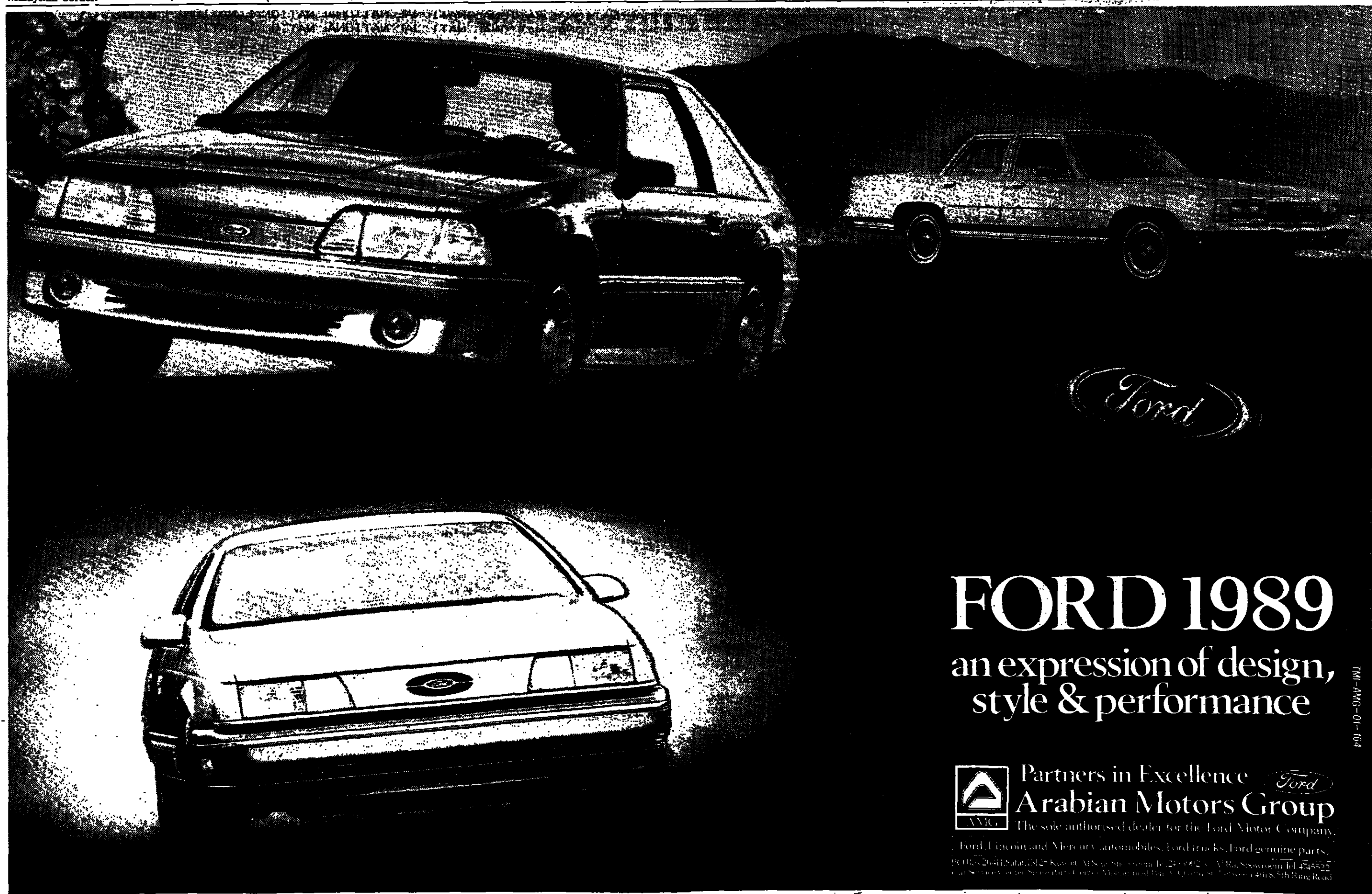
Demirag, 32, an alleged right-ist, apologised for the attack during his first trial appearance last month.

### Apology

"I apologise to Prime Minister Ozal. What I did was wrong. He is a good man," he said at the time.

Anatolian quoted him as saying after sentence was passed: "I take refuge in the justice of the court."

Demirag, who was charged with attempting to kill Ozal, carrying an unlicensed weapon and using false identity papers, told the court that he had acted

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# Ministers vow to boost military co-operation

KUWAIT, Nov 23, (Agencies): Kuwait's Defence Minister Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmed Al Ahmed returned here from Riyadh today after attending a conference for GCC defence ministers.

The ministers agreed to boost military co-operation, exchange expertise and hold regular exercises.

The ministers also decided, at the end of a two-day meeting here, to initiate steps to enhance co-operation between the armed forces of the six GCC states, GCC Secretary-General Abdullah Bishara said.

Sheikh Nawaf expressed hope that further co-operation between GCC members will ensure greater security and peace for countries of the region.

Meanwhile, he also praised Saudi Arabia's Second Deputy Premier, Defence and Aviation Minister Prince Sultan Bin Abdul Aziz for his efforts and "wisdom" in running the conference sessions.

The defence chiefs noted with satisfaction, the council's achievements, and expressed determination to upgrade the

level of military co-ordination with the aim of fending off any potential dangers, Bishara said.

The ministers, Bishara went on, reviewed during their two-day talks progress towards implementation of defence resolutions of GCC summits, chiefly the objectives laid down in the GCC military strategy based on self-reliance.

The top defence officials also endorsed recommendations of GCC chiefs of staff "that aim to remove hurdles and boost co-operation in all military fields," the secretary-general said.

This was the first official meeting of the GCC Defence Council since Iraq and Iran entered a ceasefire in the eight-year Gulf war on Aug 20. The GCC countries and Iran are in the process of improving their relations as tensions ease in the region.

Iran was deemed a threat to some area states, notably Kuwait and Saudi Arabia. Iranian attacks on shipping in the oil-rich region menaced sealanes of all GCC states and the strategic Strait of Hormuz, gateway to the Gulf.

A press statement indicated

that the GCC countries were not planning to let down their guard because of the ceasefire.

In the press statement, the GCC Defence Council also said they will pursue separate arms purchases while trying to co-ordinate weapons systems.

The meeting coincided with a visit to the region of defence ministers of Britain and Italy as well as the Air Force commander of France.

The ministers, whose armies just completed a 10-day air exercise in Kuwait, agreed to intensify joint military exercises, the press statement said.

The ministers, who met behind closed doors, will report to their leaders who meet for the annual GCC summit next month in Bahrain. The security and economic alliance was born a few months after the September 1980 outbreak of the war between Iraq and Iran.

Through the years, the GCC has progressively upgraded military defences and strategies, including development of a joint rapid deployment force that has been based in northern Saudi Arabia on the Gulf coast.

## Kuwaiti men quitting

### WHO urged to lead anti-smoking efforts

By Jadranka Porter

THE US Surgeon-General has appealed to the World Health Organisation (WHO) to take the lead in the international effort to stop people from smoking.

Everet Koop launched his appeal while answering the questions on Monday from doctors in Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar and Egypt on a Worldnet programme on smoking through a satellite link-up between Washington and the Middle East.

Worldnet is the US government TV network.

Representing Kuwait in the panel discussion was Dr Husain Al Mumen, chief of health education and secretary-general of the Kuwait Society for Smoking and Cancer Prevention. Dr Ghaleb Ghalayini, deputy director of Chest Diseases Hospital in Kuwait, also took part in the programme.

**Reduced**  
Dr Al Mumen said that Kuwait has reduced the number of smokers among the adult males, but was not successful in doing the same with the youngsters.

He also said that in Kuwait the individual freedom stands in the way of a ban on smoking in public places.

But Koop stressed that the freedom of the smoker to smoke stops when his habit endangers the health of another individual.

"The smoker is hazardous to the health of a non-smoker because of passive or sidestream smoking," he said.

Koop said that treasury departments and trade balances in many countries have overridden

## Workers file 148 complaints

LAST month, 148 complaints were registered by workers against their employers, according to a report issued by the Labour Department at Hawalli Governorate.

The department settled 72 complaints amicably, 48 were referred to the courts, 10 are being studied and 18 cases are pending.

The department inspected 194 installations employing 7,521 workers. The departmental report indicated that 116 installations were in violation of the law. Inspections of 16 nurseries caring for 565 children were also completed, the report said.

health concerns. Governments, including the US administration, see cigarette exports as a trade-off for importation of electronics, cars and other goods.

"I have offered the WHO a quarter million dollars to start an international anti-smoking programme which we expect to get under way by June 1989," said Koop.

He proposed that the WHO carry out the programme by regions in view of the different laws, customs and ability for change in various countries.

Answering the charges by some of the Middle Eastern participants that the industrialised countries are exporting disease to the developing world, Koop said: "It is reprehensible for any industrialised nation to export disease, disability and death to a developing nation and put upon it the burden of health care."

This is why, he said, it is important for the WHO to take the lead. And he warned: "It is not going to be easy because some of the developing nations rely on tobacco for the major cash income."

**Favoured**  
He ruled out the possibility that the US can take measures to cut down production and exportation of tobacco.

"Congress has always, for historic reasons, afforded a favoured place to tobacco. They say that it is not a food, a drug or a cosmetic, therefore it cannot be regulated," said Koop.

But he stressed that the US Public Health Service, some of the congressmen and voluntary groups are exerting efforts to reverse this trend.

He said the US is not likely to

ban tobacco. "Once we had a prohibition and the results were not good."

He also said that there will be no complete ban on smoking in the US, but there will be a ban on smoking in certain places, with the work place being number one.

**Gum**  
Koop gave some valuable advice on quitting and the effectiveness of nicotine chewing gum. He stressed the importance of mental preparation before resorting to medicines.

"A smoker has to decide that he wants to quit and the best way to do that is by having a self-rewarding goal. Ninety per cent of smokers would like to quit and every smoker who has quit had tried at least five times before he was successful," said Koop.

"You have to have resolve to quit, and an understanding that you are an addict and that smoking is not just a dirty habit you can kick any time you want."

He said nicotine chewing gum is a good way to ease a person from cigarette addiction, but it has to be used under prescription.

**Strides**  
"Don't give a patient nicotine chewing gum unless he is part of a programme where he will continue to reduce the use of chewing gum. If he uses it for more than three months it means he has got to stop and try another way," said Koop.

He said that the US has made great strides in reducing the number of smokers. In the past 25 years the number of smokers dropped from more than half of the US population to less than 30 per cent.

## Child's World Exhibition scheduled

THE Kuwait International Fair Co. will hold the Child's World Exhibition at the National Hall at the International Fair Ground in Mishrif from Dec 7 to 12.

The fair will be held under the patronage of Abdullah Hamad Al Hamad, undersecretary at the Ministry of Commerce and Industry. Educational and recreational facilities as well as childrens wear will be displayed.

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## Chemical weapons discussed

THE Faculty of Health Sciences at the Public Authority for Applied Education and Training recently sponsored a seminar on the health and environmental consequences of using chemical weapons.

Dr Ali Al Samkhi said that chemical weapons' lethal effects can reach the insides of buildings, fortifications and forests.

Chemical weapons are produced cheaply in relation to their huge quantities.

## BAHRAIN DIGEST

### Phone service to improve

WITH the introduction of digital circuits, international telephone calls from Bahrain will soon show an improvement in quality. Bahrain Telecommunications Co. (Botelco) has started converting its international telephone circuits to digital operation, starting with calls to Britain.

According to a spokesman, the digitalisation process is part of Botelco's programme to improve the quality of international connections for Bahrain's telephone subscribers.

He said that callers would find the usual circuit noise considerably reduced while making international calls. Circuits to Britain and the US will be fully digitalised by the middle of 1989 and to other countries as service becomes available.

Digitalisation of international circuits was essential to prepare Bahrain for the era of the "Integrated Services Digital Network" (ISDN), a breakthrough in the telecommunications industry designed to offer better service to both the authorities and subscribers. Fifty-five per cent of Bahrain's telephone network is currently digital. By early the 1990's the whole network is expected to be fully digitalised, according to the spokesman.

### Trade group to meet

THE 12th meeting of the GCC Trade Co-operation Committee will be held on Saturday.

The meeting, which is being held to coincide with the fifth GCC Trade Fair which opens at the Arabian Exhibition Centre on the same day, will be attended by the ministers of Commerce and Industry from the GCC states.

Meanwhile, the fifth GCC Trade Fair has attracted companies from throughout the Gulf, including 40 from Oman. The fair was organised by the Ministry of Commerce and Agriculture, under the patronage of Prime Minister Sheikh Khalifa bin Sulman Al Khalifa.

## MTC considers new charges

VARIOUS recommendations for charges to be paid by users of mobile telephones have been considered by the Mobile Telephone Company (MTC), a local daily quoted the company's deputy chairman Fuad Mohammad Al Ghanim as stating.

MTC allocated 500 minutes monthly to users of the mobile telephone service and retained the annual subscription fee at KD200. One recommendation says subscribers who use less than the allocated time could have the unused amount added to their user time in the coming month.

**Considered**  
Another proposal said subscribers exceeding the allocated time should pay additional charges, the official said.

Sources at the company were quoted as saying that these alternatives were considered by the company in a meeting held by the board with the ministries of finance and communications.

## Crew rescued from burning freighter

KUWAIT, Nov 23, (UPI): Kuwait's Coast Guard and Air Force rescued all 14 crew members aboard a Honduras-registered freighter after it caught fire Tuesday night in Kuwaiti territorial waters, officials said.

The Kuwait News Agency (KUNA) quoted an Interior Ministry spokesman as saying the Atlantic, carrying 300 tons of food and textiles, caught fire at 5.40 pm (14.40 GMT) Tuesday, four miles off Kuwait's southern coast.

Kuwaiti fire fighters were still struggling early Wednesday to control the blaze aboard the vessel, but the ship's Indian and Burmese crew were rescued unharmed, the agency said.

"Preliminary investigations with the ship's captain indicate the cause of the fire was a short circuit in the engine room, which later spread to the command area," a spokesman said.

## Book exhibition begins in Mishrif



Rashed Abdul Aziz Al Rashed (centre) looks at books on display at the exhibition.

KUWAIT, Nov 23, (KUNA): Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Rashed Abdul Aziz Al Rashed inaugurated the 14th Arab book exhibition today at the International Fair Ground in Mishrif.

About 160 publishing houses are taking part in the exhibition, organised by the National Council for Culture, Arts and Letters. In his inaugural speech Al Rashed listed the achievements of the council and discussed on its vital role in enriching cultural life in Kuwait.

The council's Acting Secretary-General Farouq Al

Omar praised the ministries and other institutions which helped make the exhibition a success.

The chairman of the Lebanese Publishers Association, Yahia Al Khalil, hailed HH the Amir and the Kuwaiti government for their efforts in cultural and educational fields.

The two-week exhibition is open to the public as of today.

## 20 killed in accidents in October

TWENTY people were killed in traffic accidents last month, according to the monthly traffic report. Four fatalities took place in Kuwait City, three in Hawalli, 10 in Ahmadi and three in Jahra.

During the same period, 4,970 cases were referred to various traffic courts. Hawalli processed 2,076 cases, Kuwait City, 1,573, Ahmadi 790 and Jahra 531.

A total of KD135,347 was collected as fines. Two hundred and three cases involved prison sentences and 268 licences were withdrawn, the report added.

## Prisoner's wife fined

THE Court of Misdemeanours has fined a woman KD20 for illegally providing her husband with a radio transistor and batteries at the Kuwait Central Prison where he is serving a prison term.

The woman was referred to the General Prosecution by the prison management and the radio was confiscated.

## Brother admits killing sister

THE murder of a young woman committed six months ago was only recently discovered, according to the daily Al Seyassah.

The daily learnt that an Arab youth killed his 20-year-old sister by stabbing her with a knife.

The accused was living with the victim in the same flat and their parents were residing abroad. The parents tried several times to speak with their daughter on the telephone. On each occasion, the brother gave different excuses for her absence.

After becoming suspicious, one of the family members came to Kuwait. Unable to locate the girl, they informed the authorities of her absence.

Investigations by the security men led to the arrest of the youth who confessed to the crime.

**Buried**  
The victim's brother claimed that he questioned the moral character of his sister. He took her to an isolated area in the desert, stabbed her to death and buried her body there.

He guided police to the desert spot where he had buried his sister. The body was in such an advanced stage of decomposition that positive identification was difficult, the paper said.

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## CINE ROUND-UP FROM BOMBAY

By Firoze Rangoonwalla

Special to the Arab Times

## Accident-prone stars have many lucky escapes

## Paying a dangerous price for stardom

SUNIL DUTT went through a lot of hardships during his foot-marches in India and in Japan. Apart from physical exhaustion nothing really serious happened to him but surprisingly enough soon after, while shooting for some silly action film, he nearly escaped a serious eye accident.

Apparently he used a faulty old revolver which boomeranged and threw the gunpowder back on his face. He had to be treated for eye-cleaning and he remained inactive for many days. Could the producer of *Dharam Yudh* not be more careful? He is a veteran called Pawan Kumar. Another recent casualty was Sridevi who fell off a glass table in a Madras Studio and suffered when the glass cracked.

On the outdoor location of Nainsaah the dashing Chunky also had a fall while riding and the horse kicked him on the forehead. He had to undergo a five-hour operation and get several stitches in his face, which have to be hidden by make-up with difficulty. Could director Mehul Kumar not take proper precautions? In the USSR there is a law that the director is personally responsible for any mishaps that may occur during shooting. He can be even jailed for neglect.

Escape  
Chunky was at least lucky to escape. Some years back, the tall and handsome hero Shyam, was doing a riding scene for *Shabistan*. He fell down and died of the injuries, he had suffered. Cinegoers still remember him with affection. Some time

ago, a brave Parsi stuntman P. Irani was doing a scene hanging on the ladder of a helicopter. He fell down into the sea and was drowned. There were no safety boats to rescue him. Another fighter duplicate was killed at Mehboob studio, as the timing of an explosion went a bit wrong.

## Accident

Recently, Basu Bhattacharya and his son Aditya who are very much against commercial films, endangered the life of Aamir Khan, for a patchwork scene in *Raakh*. Aamir is becoming a very popular hero and since Bhattacharya had completed his film before that he now wants to cash in on Aamir's new popularity, though he is only playing a supporting role. For the new scene, Aamir was supposed to meet with a car accident. Bhattacharya decided to take a reverse shot. Aamir was made to lie very near the wheel and actress Naina Balsawar would drive the car backwards, while he would roll forward. The final effect would be the car screeching to a halt and Aamir dashing against the wheel. But Naina forgot the gears, and when the camera rolled, she drove the car forward. Luckily, Aamir used his presence of mind and rolled



He-man Hemant Birje has suffered a lot of close shaves during filming.

Among stars, Amitabh has been most prone to accidents. The famous injury in the *Coolie* fight scene which drove him near to death was an accident of mistiming. He has also got burnt at times. But he philo-

sophically says: "These accidents only prove how many people love me and pray for me. I come nearer to my fans in this way". Other stars have also faced an accident at some time or the other in their life. Sonam very nearly drowned in a lake at Bangalore while shooting for

Vijay. Producer Yash Chopra's son saved her. When Daisy Irani was a top child star, she would have drowned in a pool at Prabhat studio, Poona, after the shooting of *Duniya Bhekti Hai*. Being mischievous, she wanted to wet her feet. An assistant director saw her and saved her.

While doing B. Subhash's *Tanna*, the new actor Hemant Birje faced many dangers. One was a surprise attack by a lion taking a long leap. Another was while passing through a ring of fire the flames suddenly became more fierce and he could neither let go of the rope nor keep hanging. Some years ago, in the ape-man called *Zimbo* a lioness took hero Azad Irani's head right inside her mouth and he started bleeding, profusely. He was at once saved but the recovery took many days.

The famous scene of Mother India where Nargis passes through a jungle of fire looks terrific on the screen. But it would have cost the great actress her life, if Sunil Dutt had not jumped in and saved her. That is what brought them together in the bond of marriage.

Later Padmini Kolhapure and Rishi Kapoor went through the same ordeal of fire in the climax of *Prem Rog*. They were tied inside a ring of fire, when the flames became

uncontrollable. If Raza Murad had not bravely rushed and released the two, apart from beating the flames, the end might have been horrible.

All the more reason why all studios and units must provide strong safety measures for every such scene. The producer must also take insurance policies for all members of such units. Otherwise, legislation should be passed to make it compulsory.

## Dangers

Hema Malini and others have faced personal dangers in real life, like facing armed men at night. Moon Moon Sen got almost kidnapped in Calcutta and escaped after a car chase. Jackie Shroff has come out of motorbike accidents during shooting and otherwise.

Anupam Kher has faced the danger of dummy bullets scraping unprotected parts of his body. It is whispered about Raj Kumar that when he was in the police force, a man died under his custody. He could never overcome the guilt, it is said. So he faced many dangers on hunting trips in reality.

And of course there is the famous case of Rameshwari who got hurt during *Samay* so that her one eye became bigger than the other. She was sent to America for treatment. But it did not help and her career was ruined.

## Behind the screen

The birthday celebration of one star can be a romantic rendezvous for other stars. When Chunky celebrated his birthday party, Vinod Khanna and Amrita Singh came to it together. After 'happy birthday' and 'good luck' to Chunky, the two were not to be found anywhere by any eager beaver.



Chunky: birthday boy

Dimple is trying to get much mileage out of Zakhmi Aurat as the film is a moderate success. But few people know that she refused to work for the same producer's *Misqadma*. She said her price was now much more (rupees fifteen lakhs) and she could not work in a small set-up. What Dimple forgets is that if her price went up, it was because of *Zakhmi Aurat*.

Padmini Kolhapure and her hubby Tutu Sharma have been blacklisted from a dubbing theatre for not clearing a bill of just ten thousand rupees. And to think that the couple is making four big budget films like *Mar Mitenge*, *Asoolon Ki Jung* — *Dasv Pech* and a Marathi movie. Somebody should teach them the meaning of *Asoolon Ki Jung* (a fight for principles).

Like a true Naxalite, Mithun declares that he is an atheist and there is nothing like God or any religious sanctity. Yet, he goes to Ajmer Sharif. And he also believes in pre-ordained fate and says that everything is written in advance in our "naseeb".

Poor Sujata Mehta is making a sooner-than-expected entry

in the "mother" grade in the absence of other roles. In *Vascom*, she plays Farha's mother. So what even if it is only a young step-mother? No heroine of Hindi cinema ever marries character actors like Kulbhushan Kharbada, or flirts with the likes of Danny, on the screen. Once a mother always a mother in Hindi cinema, which does not consider talent.

Govinda's brother Kirri Kumar wants to be one step ahead of the star-bhai. He is more free and also heart-free. Soon after *Hathiya* he tried to adopt the Raj Kapoor style. He named his new film *Radha Ka Sangam* and began to release big advertisements hunting for his *Radha* and even asking *Sangam hoga ki nahin*. He also started a country-wide contest for a heroine through meetings and screen-testing of aspiring actresses. But the tough time comes when he starts making the film. For K. K. cannot be R.K., even if he is reborn.

## A revealing interview with India's top star

## Sridevi speaks out

By Samir Shah

I'D LIKE you to go back to your childhood. How has your experience as a child artist helped you as an actress?

I played Lord Murugan in my very first film. Can you imagine, I did the role of a God even when I didn't know about God? I was scared of people. I wasn't very talkative. I was very thin. I suppose the experience helped me to come out of my shell, become confident. As a child, I wasn't very smart, today I'm more sure of myself.

Did you have any friends?  
Not really. No one except Dolly who was in the same school, the Good Shepherd Convent in Madras. She was sweet but I've lost touch with her. I studied only till the seventh standard. I never got used to the textbooks. I only got used to the camera. Naturally, I didn't know anything about acting as a child. The director would say do this and I'd do it. I'd imitate him like a parrot.

Do you think acting comes out of experience?  
No, no. Acting has nothing to do with experience. Either you have it in you or you don't. In Tamil movies, there are actresses who have been in the industry for a long time but they still can't act well. On the other hand, you have newcomers who act superbly.

What kind of relationship do you have with the camera?  
I flirt with it.

Do you see the camera like some male?  
No, no. I was just joking. If the camera was a male, I'd be very reserved with it.

Have you always been closer to your mother than to your father?

Ummm, let me think... I've been close to both. Daddy is stronger than mummy. He was a lawyer, an advocate, now he's retired. He's very affectionate. I'm not scared of him, I respect him a lot. If I stay up to watch video after midnight, he naturally shouts at me. I'm his little baby, he doesn't treat me like a grown-up.

Where do you draw your emotions from while acting?

There's no such thing, there's no theory about acting. When I was seven I did my first film. I had to do a death scene and didn't know what death meant. So, I just pretended to go off to sleep. I'm told I did the death scene so well that both the director and the hero started crying. They couldn't stand the thought that I was dead.

Can you cry easily for the camera?

I can't cry for the camera. I have to act it out. I need glycerine. While doing *Mr. India*, Shekhar (Kapoor) told me to avoid glycerine, he felt I could cry on my own. I tried to, I tried to think of so many things but a tear just wouldn't come. Probably, nothing sad has ever happened to me. Touch wood, no harm has ever come to my family or my relatives. But Shekhar wouldn't listen, he said keep trying. Finally, the tears came but they



Sridevi: yes I flirt ... with the camera

didn't come from my heart.

Do you ever regret missing out on your childhood?

As a child, I didn't have the time to play with my sister or with the neighbourhood kids. I'd feel sad that I've had to go shooting while my sister would be sleeping so *asam se*. I'd ask, "Why's she sleeping? Why're you more lenient with her?" But then to get something, you have to lose something. I've also wondered what holidays are, it must be great to go away to some faraway place and do nothing.

Do you ever try to learn more about things? Through cinema, through books?

Books, I've never read. But I do watch a lot of movies. I like Meryl Streep, she's good even in a bad film. I liked her so much in *Heartburn* and *Out of Africa*.

What's your ideal movie, your ideal role?

*Mother India*.

What if Satyajit Ray asked you to act in his film?

I'd do it for free.

Have you seen any of his films?

I haven't but I should.

How do you intend remaining at the top?

What I am is because of my hard work, because of my films. The rest leave to destiny. Right now, among the actresses I'm

doing the least number of pictures. I'm only doing 12 or 13 while others are doing 30 or 40. I always finish my commitments and then sign on new films.

Since you haven't gone through much in life beyond the camera, how do you play a love scene?

I was 13 when I had to do my first love scene. It was in a film with Kamal and Rajinikanth. I didn't know what the director was telling me to do, finally he just look very sad. I did that and the scene looked very romantic. So whenever I'm asked to look as if I'm in love, I look as if the world's burdens are on my shoulders. I've learnt everything from films. I don't want to learn what life is all about. Knowing about the ways of the world means getting into *jhamelas* unnecessarily.

Do you ever read the newspapers?

Whenever I read the newspapers I'm frightened. There are only murders and strikes going on in this country.

But then there are so many murders in the movies too.

Yeah, but the villains are all make-believe, in beads and black suits. People know it's all made up, no one believes that the murders are really happening.

Do you ever watch television?

To tell you the truth, our television has to improve a lot. Abroad, television shows a lot of useful programmes for kids, for housewives. But whenever I switch on television here, there's something going on about tractors and farming.

Do you think cinema will ever be overtaken by video technology?

It might. But by the time video takes over, I won't be in show business.

Where will you be?

In my house, like a good, family girl. With my husband and kids. An actress has to settle down, too. How long can she lead a commercial, artificial life?

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## Thought for today

THE sooner every party breaks up, the better — Jane Austen, English novelist (1775-1817).

## OPINION

### Too many cooks spoil the broth

YES, the government can certainly do something about the stagnation that is hitting the Kuwait Stock Market. We mean to say stagnation — not drop or retreat.

We stress here again that the laws and regulations applied at the Stock Market are simply funny. Basically, all bad decisions are applied and good ones overlooked. And many decisions made long ago have just been shelved.

These decisions are expected to be enforced tomorrow or maybe after a month or even longer. Meanwhile, people are adversely affected by their absence.

An example is the decision on "duration delay" of shares. It is really surprising that authorities delayed its implementation. And why do we not increase the ceiling of share prices. Why do we not study the present trading law at the bourse to see if its clauses are good for this period or not?

Additionally, we should ask if the banks and companies having their shares traded in the market have bought the permissible 10 per cent of their shares or not.

Why doesn't the Central Bank pressure these banks and companies to purchase these shares instead of putting their money in US dollars for more interest rates — in spite of the fact that in the long run the return on Kuwaiti shares will be higher. The government can do many things in this respect.

Why should so many bodies be looking to the same issue. We want to know who is responsible for the bourse, its functioning, and administration? Is it the Ministry of Commerce or the Ministry of Finance? Overlapping of duties and responsibilities certainly disrupt the work. One side should be responsible for this important market. Alternatively, it could be an independent body supervised by one ministry.

It should be realised that the retreat in the bourse harms financial positions for individuals. As a result, the state will have to pay the price.

Part of the bourse is looked after by the Ministry of Finance, another by the Ministry of Commerce, a third by the Chamber of Commerce, a fourth is directly influenced by merchants and dealers, while another is reflected on the bank loans and its assets.

We simply want a solution.

Ahmed Al Jarallah

## Carlsson's mail an open book

By Eva Janzon

STOCKHOLM, (AP): In Sweden, everybody can walk into the prime minister's office and look through his mail. They can also peek into government records and find out a lot about your neighbour, from his salary to his debts.

As a matter of policy, government records have been open to the public since 1766, when a political party known as the Caps ousted the rival Hats from government in an election fought over charges that the Hats were keeping too much secret.

Now, in the era of the ubiquitous computer and probing media, some Swedes complain about an invasion of privacy.

Prime Minister Ingvar Carlsson is not one of them. Of 5,577 documents which crossed his desk during the first 10 months of this year, only 109 were classified. The majority were internal memos and correspondence with foreign governments.

**Advantage**  
Vivianne Eriksson, who registers the mail and indexes the documents of computer, said not many people take advantage of the privilege of going through Carlsson's mail.

She estimated that no more than one visitor a week, usually a journalist, came into her office for a look. "I suppose most people don't know they can come here," she said in an interview.

Leafing through the computer index, a reporter found subjects ranging from theories about who murdered Carlsson's predecessor, Olof Palme, to requests for an autograph.

Other letters were appeals for political asylum and complaints about pollution or the hunting of moose. This entry was from Maj-Britt Hedlund of Boden: "Wants a new kitchen and to find Palme's killer."

A letter of thanks to Walid Jumblatt, leader of Lebanon's Druze community, was classified "secret." So was a letter from US President Ronald Reagan on nuclear disarmament. Memos on military subjects and on trips abroad by government members also bore the stamp of secrecy.

The principle of public access is not limited to authorities. The highly developed Swedish bureaucracy has numbered, registered, compiled and processed

information about the citizenry, most of which is open to the public.

Every Swedish resident has a 10-digit "personal number," which begins with the birthday. Knowing your neighbour's date of birth is enough to gain access to his file at the National Taxation Board which lists his or her income and tax from the previous year, his or her church membership, marital status and current address.

If you take that number to the county police, you can find out if he or she has any unpaid bills and how much he or she owes. Other registers list his or her education, state of health and his hobbies if they are member of an association.

Such disregard for privacy has been accepted as a price for keeping people honest in a society that strives for equality among its citizens. But hundreds of people complain every year that authorities and private companies abuse public records.

**Complaints**  
Such complaints come to data inspection, a 40-man Department of the Justice Ministry which monitors compliance with the regulations governing access to information and privacy.

One common complaint comes from people bombarded by junk mail whose names companies obtained through government records. In some cases, advertisers paid government offices to compile mailing lists, said Leif Stenstrom, an official at the department.

The department was set up in 1973 when the government instituted a law to guard against misuse of the personal number. Criminal files are restricted, as are files about cases of serious social problems.

Further efforts to limit access have failed to find the right balance between the public's right to know and the protection of privacy, Stenstrom said.

**Control**  
"There's been a U-turn," said Stenstrom. "From enabling the common man to control the authorities, you could say (free access) now helps the authorities to control the common man."

Peter Seipel, a professor of law at Stockholm University, said the idea endorsed by the Caps 200 years ago — that men of power and high rank need watching — still applies.

## Agreement on broad range of issues

### India visit gives Gorbachev a political boost

By Hugh Palm

NEW DELHI, (Reuters): Kremlin leader Mikhail Gorbachev will meet the new US administration and other Western leaders in the coming weeks buoyed by the solid backing of the world's biggest democracy after a three-day visit to India.

Gorbachev and Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi reformed the close links the two leaders have developed at five previous meetings since 1985, holding nine hours of face-to-face talks during the 49-hour visit which ended on Sunday.

**Talks**  
They agreed closely on a broad range of bilateral, regional and global issues, apparently allaying Indian fears that Moscow's growing rapprochement with Beijing would be at the expense of its link with New Delhi.

Gorbachev is due to receive French President Francois Mitterrand in Moscow next week

and will visit Britain, Cuba and the United Nations in December.

While in New York he will also have talks with President Reagan and get acquainted with President-elect George Bush.

A 10-page statement issued as Gorbachev flew home from New Delhi contained common positions on nuclear disarmament and strategic weapons control, a statement that "there should be no military bases or facilities outside national borders," and a call for a new world economic order.

Covering the world's hot spots, the two sides called for United Nations-sponsored talks on creating a broad-based Afghan government, plus a UN conference on Afghanistan if needed and another on the Middle East "with the participation of all parties concerned on an equal footing."

They welcomed current steps towards a political settlement in Kampuchea and dialogue to reduce tension in Korea. They reiterated common positions on

South Africa and Namibia, non-interference in Central America and support for the Indian Ocean as a zone of peace.

The visit, marked by repeated expressions of friendship and by a cultural accord designed to create stronger links between the Indian and Soviet people as well as their governments, brought visible rewards for both sides.

Moscow recently halted its troop pullout from Afghanistan because of continued US arms shipments to the mujahedeen rebels through Pakistan. Gorbachev left open the option that Soviet forces would stay on beyond the agreed Feb 15 deadline for troop withdrawal.

Indian support for this possibility was implied in the final document paragraph that deplored "the obstructionist policy of certain forces which are violating the (Geneva) accords" — a clear reference to the United States and Pakistan.

China, which Rajiv is to visit next month, and where the Soviet

leader may go early next year, was a major topic in their talks, Indian officials said. Gorbachev repeatedly assured his hosts they had nothing to fear from Sino-Soviet friendship, and Rajiv told reporters he was not worried over the issue.

Gorbachev stopped short of siding with India in its perennial border dispute with China, and the final document made no reference to Gorbachev's initiative towards collective security in the Asia-Pacific region. But these were the only notable omissions in a joint statement whose warmth went well beyond the call of diplomacy.

The visit fully realised India's hopes of increased economic co-operation, and resulted in a 3.2 billion rouble (\$5.3 billion) credit, the largest India has received, much of it for nuclear and conventional power plants to be built with Soviet aid.

An Indian spokesman said 55 joint ventures were being discus-

sed, and two-way trade is scheduled to rise from Rs 52 billion (\$3.5 billion) in the current year to Rs 70 billion (\$4.7 billion) next year.

**Trade**  
The final document that this was the prelude to even more trade and aid.

India and the Soviet Union, it said, "will work out a long-term programme for economic, trade, scientific and technical co-operation till the year 2000."

An Indian spokesman said one way to boost trade — a prime Indian objective in the talks — was the agreement between the two leaders for greater Indian access to Soviet markets.

He said the two sides agreed that both public and private Indian companies would be able to set up offices in Soviet republics to do direct trade deals.

A senior Indian official told Reuters that during the talks Gorbachev had told his officials not to be conservative in such trade deals.

## Government-Solidarity talks all but dead

By John Daniszewski

WARSAW, Poland, (AP): Prospects of serious talks with the opposition appear all but dead after the latest meetings between Lech Walesa and Interior Minister Czeslaw Kiszczak.

Two meetings, hosted by Roman Catholic Archbishop Bronislaw Dabrowski, were held Friday and Saturday between the Solidarity leader and Kiszczak, searching for a way to convene discussions promised at the end of August.

That promise persuaded Walesa to end the country's worst wave of strikes in seven years, but after the euphoric days of early September the prospect for talks seems to have faded.

A pledge to rehire all the August strikers was not kept. Propaganda attacks were launched against several key Walesa aides and the government objected to people Walesa proposed for the talks. And, without warning, the government announced the liquidation beginning Dec 1 of the Lenin Shipyard in Gdansk, where Solidarity began.

**Object**  
Solidarity strenuously objected to each move. Its more militant members, including young workers who defied Walesa and declared strikes at two small Gdansk shipyards earlier this month, became convinced the talks would be phony and irrelevant because officials lacked the will to reach agreement.

Militants pressured Walesa to win assurances beforehand that the government was willing in principle to legalise the union, which has remained active despite being banned in 1982 following the martial-law crackdown.

The government continues to say it wants talks, but emphasizing not at any cost.

Newly named Prime Minister Mieczyslaw T. Rakowski repeatedly told authorities that economic and social problems were too urgent to wait for the discussions to reach a consensus. The elevation of the longtime Solidarity foe coincided with the deteriorating climate for talks.

The government means to launch a frontal assault on the

problems as quickly as it can, with or without reaching a consensus with the opposition, he said.

Even the church was exerting its considerable influence on the government to keep the talks alive.

In this atmosphere Walesa and Kiszczak, attempting to maintain extreme secrecy, met together Friday in Warsaw for the first time in more than two months to try to resuscitate the talks.

Although they were no agreement reached, an official communiqué said future contacts were planned to bring the opposing positions closer.

A disappointed Walesa told reporters on the train platform before going to Gdansk that the government and opposition positions were far apart.

If the Polish United Workers (Communist) Party makes the political decision to allow "pluralism" — the terminology for allowing Solidarity and other political, economic and social groups independent from central authorities — then Walesa could come to the table, he said. If not, there is nothing to discuss.

The Communist Party evidently has decided it prefers to endure the economic upheaval of possible strikes rather than risk legalising Solidarity again.

As Polish political columnist Daniel Passent, who is close to Rakowski, said in October that those who hoped the government would legalise Solidarity again were deluding themselves.

Passent said authorities believe Solidarity would insist on getting involved in politics and that Walesa is unable to keep his followers in line.

The Army intervened to restore party control when a legalised Solidarity grew so quickly in 1980-81 that it nearly toppled Poland's Communist Party. Passent said legalising the union again would be to risk political "suicide."

In late October, Polish leader Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski said Solidarity can be allowed only when the economy is healthier and when other political forums are created, so the opposition would not use strikes as its main weapon to win political goals.

By Katherine King

PANAMA CITY, (Reuters): Nine months into a political crisis that is wrecking their economy, Panamanians hope that a new US President will help break the impasse over moves to oust military leader General Manuel Antonio Noriega.

Noriega himself has declined to comment on the victory of Republican George Bush in the US presidential election last Tuesday.

But many Panamanians said they felt the change in the White House might lead to a new policy that would begin to break the political stalemate.

"I think that the US elections made Panamanians expectant," said Raul Ossa, a legislator of the opposition Christian Democratic Party. "(Panamanians) have the impression that a change (in presidents) means hope of a change for them too."

"Something has got to give," said one exasperated Panamanian economist. "We can't just go on like this."

**Upheaval**

Economic upheaval and a political impasse have gripped Panama since February 25, when President Eric Arturo Delvalle tried to fire Noriega, who had just been indicted on drug trafficking charges in the United States. Delvalle was instead ousted himself.

Since then Washington has refused to recognise the government of one of its traditionally closest allies. Some 40,000 Americans live and work in Panama.

## Panama hopes Bush will break impasse

The political crisis led to a loss of confidence in Panama's stability and hit its once flourishing service economy. Some economists fear it may never fully recover.

Delvalle's replacement, Manuel Solis Palma, said in a television interview on Friday that it was up to Washington to initiate talks to resolve the crisis over moves to oust Noriega.

**Talks**

Solis said his government had always been ready to hold talks with Washington as long as the United States respected Panama's sovereignty. "Any movement toward or away from (the US government) will depend totally on the position they adopt," he said, when asked whether he would seek talks with Bush.

Despite a mood of expectation, Commerce Minister Mario Rognoni told Reuters he foresaw no quick improvement in US-Panama relations, no matter who occupied the White House. "The United States is like a big super-tanker. If you want to veer to the right or to the left or even if you want to stop, it takes a long time," he said.

Despite several "information gathering" visits by Reagan administration representatives in recent months and a Delvalle visit to Washington in October, US officials insist policy on Panama has not changed.



## Preserve Goan heritage

SIR: This refers to Jose Oliveira Fernandes' letter "Un-Islamic activities" (AT, Nov 17-18) in which he said ballroom dancing is alien to Goan culture and is un-Islamic.

Let me remind Fernandes the Portuguese were in Goa for more than 450 years. During this long period Western culture, including ballroom dancing, was introduced to the Goans and without doubt our forefathers adopted and assimilated it. So how can anyone say ballroom dancing is alien to Goan culture?

When Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru visited Goa to inaugurate the now-collapsed Mandovi bridge, he praised our way of life and asked the Goans to preserve their heritage.

Even Mahatma Gandhi was not against other cultures when he said: "Let the doors and windows of my house remain wide open so that the winds of all cultures blow through them."

We are living in a small world and nothing should be considered alien, except things from outer space.

Regarding ballroom dancing being un-Islamic, let us leave it to the many Islamic scholars in Kuwait for judgement. Opinion of a person unqualified in Islamic matters carries little weight.

Fernandes also says that the organisers of dances amass wealth. Whether they amass wealth or not, it is clear that they legally work hard for it, and nobody is forced to contribute to their wealth. And if Kuwait Goans were the first to introduce ballroom dancing to Kuwait, I congratulate them.

Peter D'Souza, Safat

## Enforce traffic law strictly

SIR: According to the Arab Times (Nov. 17-18), the public relations department at the Ministry of Interior reported 17 traffic accidents on Nov 16.

I have been in Kuwait for five years and it shocks me to know that all these deaths and fatalities are caused by over-speeding. We might as well get rid of speed signs, because they are never implemented or obeyed. Don't the motorists know that the whole idea of a speed sign is to reduce fatal injuries? The traffic law violators include policemen.

The solution to the problem would be to enforce the law strictly, otherwise the situation will not improve and everyone will be put to an unnecessary risk.

Frank Constable, Safat

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## Colombian cocaine traders set sights on US heroin market

By Bernd Debusmann

MEXICO CITY, (Reuters): Colombian drug traffickers, the dominant force in the multi-billion-dollar international cocaine trade, have begun exploring the US market for heroin.

According to law enforcement officials and Latin Americans familiar with the lucrative traffic in illicit drugs, Colombians have started producing heroin in their own country and in remote areas of Mexico for shipment to the United States.

So far, the quantities are minute in comparison with the world's traditional suppliers of heroin: Mexico, Southwest Asia, and the "Golden Triangle" of Burma, Laos and Thailand.

"This is something of a pilot scheme to see whether diversification (from cocaine) could be profitable," one source said of the Colombians' tentative new venture.

The first indication that traffickers in Colombia — the world's leading exporter of refined cocaine — were setting their eyes on a new market came in July when police discovered a heroin laboratory in Bogota.

It was the first such facility

ever found in Colombia, police said.

A month later, anti-narcotics troops on patrol in southern Colombia came across two fields of opium poppy, the raw material for opium, morphine and heroin. The fields, the largest discovered in Colombia, covered about 90 acres (36 hectares).

By the standards of the world trade in heroin, this is next to nothing. In comparison, Mexican poppy fields are estimated to cover about 18,500 acres (7,400 hectares) this year, with a yield of roughly six tonnes of heroin. The Golden Triangle produces up to 160 tonnes a year.

**Seize**  
According to the US Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), Mexico is the largest single supplier of heroin to the United States, accounting for about 40 per cent of the total.

Sources familiar with the drug trade say that several Colombians are involved in planting new poppy fields and establishing laboratories in remote areas of Mexico, outside the control of established Mexican traffickers.

At the same time, narcotics experts say, Colombia's drug empires have begun routing huge quantities of cocaine through Mexico, taking advantage of the

country's porous 1,952-mile (3,140 km) border with the United States.

Persistent rumours that Colombian cocaine lords were assaulting the United States from new beachheads in Mexico were confirmed in October when the Mexican Army announced it had seized a 4.8-tonne cache of cocaine, the largest recorded anywhere in the world.

"These developments are grounds for concern," said a foreign narcotics expert based in Mexico. "Concern not only for the US but also for Europe. There are indications that traffickers are making increasing use of US ports and airports as trans-shipment points."

As in any business, Colombian traffickers looking at new markets respond to the dictates of the bottom line.

Over the past 12 months, Colombia's drug lords have lost cocaine worth almost \$1 billion (at retail prices) in seizures. The losing streak opened with a four-tonne bust in Miami, followed by the seizure of 4.4 tonnes near Tampa five months later, and finally the record haul in Mexico.

**Painful**  
Even for criminal empires of the enormous wealth of the so-called Medellin and Cali cocaine cartels in Colombia, such losses are painful.

"When the overheads are going up," said a DEA agent in Florida recently, "the profits come down and competition gets more fierce."

Drug experts say the US market for heroin is even more hotly contested than the cocaine trade because the heroin addict population has remained stable, at around half a million, for the past decade.

Though lucrative, it is a small market in comparison with cocaine. The number of habitual cocaine users in the United States has been estimated at about 4.5 million, with tens of thousands more using crack, a potent form of cocaine which is smoked rather than inhaled through the nose.

"What makes heroin attractive from the seller's point of view is its very high price and low bulk," said a narcotics agent. "It was precisely for this that many Colombians switched from marijuana to cocaine in the 1970s."

At wholesale level, a kilogramme (2.2 pounds) of heroin sells for up to \$180,000 in the United States, according to the DEA. In New York, where about 40 per cent of American heroin addicts live, police say a kilo changes hands at between \$80,000 and \$160,000.

## TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1643 — Spain's Army forces French invaders to retire to Catalonia.
- 1867 — Barbed wire is patented by American Joseph F. Glidden.
- 1936 — Germany and Japan sign anti-Comintern pact.
- 1942 — Germans suffer heavy losses in battle of Stalingrad in Soviet Union in World War II.
- 1961 — UN Security Council calls on UN members to make all Africa a zone free of nuclear weapons.
- 1963 — Lee Harvey Oswald, accused assassin of US President John F. Kennedy, is shot to death by Jack Ruby in Dallas, Texas.
- 1964 — Belgian paratroopers, Congolese Army and mercenaries recapture Stanleyville in the Congo from rebels.
- 1970 — Japanese writer Yukio Mishima leads sword attack on Army general's office in Tokyo, then kills himself in traditional hara-kiri fashion.
- 1972 — United States and Thailand agree that United States will maintain substantial military presence — mostly air power — in Thailand for unspecified period after any Vietnamese ceasefire.
- 1974 — US President Gerald Ford and Soviet leader Leonid I. Brezhnev, meeting in Vladivostok, reach tentative agreement to limit number of offensive strategic nuclear weapons.
- 1975 — Earthquake hits eastern Turkey, taking at least 574 lives, and government says total could reach 3,000 or more.
- 1977 — Archeologist says tomb uncovered near Salonia, Greece, is that of Macedon's King Philip II, father of Alexander the Great.
- 1985 — Egyptian commandos storm hijacked Egyptian airliner at Malta, and explosion during assault kills 40 to 50 people aboard.
- 1987 — Indian troops trap large number of Tamil rebels in marshy jungle in eastern Sri Lanka.

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## EVENTS

## WHAT'S ON

## ARTS

**Kuwait Science Museum**  
DAILY: 5 pm onwards:  
natural history exhibits from in and around Kuwait, including blue whale. Friday: 9 am onwards.

**Islamic Arts Museum**  
SAT-THURS: 8.30 am to 12.30 pm and 4.30 to 7.30 pm. Collection includes rare Islamic artefacts, Quranic manuscripts, ceramics, carpets and marine equipment.  
Arabian Gulf St.

**Tareq Rajab Museum**  
SAT-THURS: 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm; FRIDAYS: 9 am to 12 noon. Collection of Islamic art, costumes and jewellery from the Muslim world.

**Sadu House**  
SAT-THURS: 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm. Exhibits include bedouin handicrafts—rugs, saddle bags, cushions and textiles. Closed on Friday.

**Indian Art Show**  
UNTIL DEC 15: Richness in Spirit is the title of an exhibition of Indian contemporary art. Figurative art by 30 painters is on show at the Kuwait National Museum, daily from 8 am to 12 noon and 4 to 7 pm.

**Boushahri Gallery**  
UNTIL NOV 25: Indian artist Amrut Patel displays his paintings at the gallery, Salem Al Mubarak St., open daily from 9 am to 12.30 pm; 4-8.30 pm.

**Seen From Afar**  
NOV 24: German photographer Menusch will give a lecture on portrait at the Boushahri gallery, 6 pm, at Boushahri Gallery.

NOV 26: 6 pm. Opening of photo exhibition entitled "Seen from Afar" at Boushahri Gallery, under the patronage of the German Ambassador to Kuwait Bernd Wulffen. Black and white portraits of people around the world and famous artists are shown by German photographer Heinz G. Mebusch.

**Painting Exhibition**  
UNTIL NOV 30: Kuwaiti artist Fadel Al Abbar is showing a collection of modern art paintings at the Kuwait National Museum; open during museum hours.

**Ghadir Gallery**  
NOV 27-DEC 31: Paintings of Matthew Digby Wyatt (1820-1877) and antiques will be shown at the Ghadir Gallery, Salfia Complex. The show will be open from 9 am to 12.30 pm and 4-8.30 pm.

## CINEMA

**Aspects of Modern Soviet Cinema**  
FILMS listed below will be screened at 7.30 pm at the Chambers of Commerce and



● "Seen from Afar", an exhibition of portraits by German photographer Heinz G. Mebusch opens at the Boushahri Gallery on Saturday. Above: one of the portraits that will be shown.



● The Messenger Boy, a comedy based on a story by Soviet writer Karen Shakhnazarov, will be shown during the 'Aspects of Modern Soviet Cinema' festival on Saturday. Above: a scene from the film.

**Industry auditorium.**  
NOV 26: "Messenger Boy", starring Oleg Basilashvili, Anastasiya Nemolayeva; directed by K. ren Shakhnazarov.

NOV 27: "Weirdo", starring Christina Orbaite, Yury Nikulin; directed by Rolan Bykov.

## LECTURE

**British Council**  
NOV 26-29: A talk on education in Scotland will be given each evening on undergraduate and postgraduate study during a four-day promotion of Scottish universities and polytechnics at the British Council, 2 Al Arabi St., Mansouriya. Open from 9 am to 12.30 pm; 5-8 pm.

## MUSIC

**Rock the Night**  
NOV 24 (5 and 8 pm): Sounds Great's show at Salmiya Cinema with music by Seventh Sky. Music of Def Leopard, Joan Jett, Gary Moore, Europe and Heart played by Seventh Sky. Tel: 5740256/7; Riad—5386294.

**Ramzi Yassa concert**  
NOV 26, 7.30 pm. Pianist

Ramzi Yassa gives his second concert this year at the Kuwait Sheraton's Grand Ballroom. Tickets available from the hotel lobby or call hotel ext. 104/107.

**Philippine Song Festival**  
DEC 2: The Kapisanang Pilipino sa Kuwait will stage their third annual song festival at 4 pm. The venue will be announced later. All Filipinos are welcome.

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ducted from 9.30 am. For details call Mohsin — 4674055 ext. 386 before Nov 21.

**Uppasana**  
DEC 8: Uppasana presents musical evening at IAC. Old and new songs from Malayalam, Hindi and other regional Indian languages will be presented.

**Bangladesh Association**  
THE Bangladesh Association, Kuwait, will publish a souvenir on the occasion of Victory Day. Bangladeshis are invited to submit articles for the souvenir before Nov 30. For details call Zakir — 2414191; Musaddaque — 2414191; Yousuf — 4345555 ext. 2754.

## HOTELS

**Al Mubarak Beach**  
MUBARAKIYAH Restaurant: open 24 hours, buffet breakfast, lunch and dinner and snacks. Sundays: Ladies Day; Mondays: birthday special; Fridays: special buffet "a go go".

**At the Holiday Inn**  
NOV 24: Thanksgiving party at Al Dana, 8.30 pm. Thursday night is an Indian night featuring exotic cuisine; top Arabian singers serenade in the Al Andalus.

Friday brunch — fun time for families; games, prizes. Also open to Jaycee Club members.

**At the Sheraton**  
RICCARDO'S: Italian cuisine; music by the Sienna's Duo. Lunch and dinner, daily. Closed on Fridays.

**Al Hambra**: Sundays: Lebanese cuisine; Wednesday: seafood night; Friday's buffet brunch. Entertainment by the Marcus Band provide live entertainment.

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**PRAYERS**  
Fajr 4.57 am  
Zuhr 11.35 am  
Asr 2.30 pm  
Maghreb 4.50 pm  
Isha 6.11 pm

**FRIDAY**  
Fajr 4.57 am  
Friday Prayer 11.35 am  
Asr 2.30 pm  
Maghreb 4.50 pm  
Isha 6.11 pm

**NIGHT CHEMIST**  
Kuwait  
Al Hajeri Pharmacy  
Hajeri Bldg., Hilali St.  
Al Ajeel Pharmacy  
Palestine St., Mubarakiya  
Hawalli and Nagra  
Al Kamal Pharmacy  
Tunis St.

**Salamiya and Rumanithiya**  
Ibn Nafis Pharmacy  
Hamed Al Mubarak St.  
Fahad and Ahmad  
Al Sheba Pharmacy  
F'heel  
Khalifa  
Al Tawfiq Pharmacy  
South St., Rajaan Commercial Centre

**Jahra**  
Al Noor Pharmacy  
Abdul Aziz Nasrullah Bldg., Matafi St.

**FRIDAY**  
Kuwait  
Garnati Pharmacy  
Al Rasheed Bldg., Fahad Al Salem St.  
Ibn Rushd Pharmacy  
Souk Al Kuwait Bldg., Souk Duaij  
Hawalli and Nagra  
Al Haditha Pharmacy  
Othman Complex, Ibn Khalid St.  
Salamiya and Rumanithiya  
Al Samah Pharmacy  
Salem Al Mubarak St.  
Fahad and Ahmad  
Bastoor Pharmacy  
Qais Al Ghanem Bldg., Dabbous St.

**Farwaniya**  
Al Taawon Pharmacy  
Jara Commercial Centre, Main St.  
Jahra  
Al Zahra Pharmacy  
New Market

## TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

## KTV 1

9.00 Holy Quran  
9.15 Dabdoob Al Musiqar: cartoon serial  
9.45 Al Jawharah: Part 5 of children's serial, featuring Ibrahim Sallal, Abdul Aziz Al Nimish and Jawhar Salem.  
10.15 Tum Tek and Children  
10.30 Clarence: English feature film  
12.00 Al Zankalooni: Arabic serial  
1.00 News  
1.05 World today via Satellite  
1.40 Fawazir Al Munassabat  
2.00 Sports in a Week: a weekly programme focussing on local and world sports  
4.45 Ra'ad Al Amlaq: cartoons  
5.15 Liqa Al Khamis: variety show  
7.00 News Summary  
7.05 Alwan: prepared by Mohammad Saeed Paris  
8.00 Show Jumping: local equestrian events  
8.30 Ma'a Al Islam: prepared and presented by Dr Khalid Al Madhoun  
9.00 News in Arabic  
10.00 Arabic Feature Film: "Al Zojah Ta'rof Aktar". Starring: Farouk Fishawi, Maali Zayed, Salah Zulfikar, Iham Shahin  
11.45 Thursday Late Night variety show  
12.45 Akhtaralalukum: We Present...  
1.15 News summary  
1.20 World today via Satellite/Holy Quran/Closedown

## FRIDAY

9.00 Holy Quran  
9.15 Iftah Ya Simsim: Arabic version of Sesame Street  
9.45 Children's Magazine  
10.15 Fayezi Al Tush: Arabic serial, featuring Ghanem Slaiti, Abdul Aziz Jassim  
11.00 Ibtihal Deeni: religious programme  
11.15 Friday prayer  
12.30 Min Hayat Al

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Shaoub: From People's Lives.  
1.00 News  
1.05 World today via satellite  
1.30 Istaraha  
2.00 We and Our Friends  
2.15 Hadith Deeni: religious talk  
3.15 Cultural Film  
4.00 Ghawi Al Mashakil: Arabic serial, featuring Khalil Shawki, Sana Abdul Rahman, Fawzi Mahdi  
5.00 Kaifa Wa Akhwatuba  
6.00 Kuwait in a Week  
7.00 News Summary  
7.15 KTV 1 Programmes Preview  
8.00 Al Usrah: "The Family". Fatima Rashid and Futooh Al Dalali discuss the role of the family in Arab society.  
8.45 Hadith Al Usbooh: religious talk  
9.00 News  
10.00 Wrestling  
10.45 Min Alf Ila Iliya: variety show, prepared and presented by Tariq Habib  
11.45 News Summary  
11.50 World today via Satellite

night's Comedy.  
10.00 Spectacular Sports, Bloopers and Fabulous Fools  
10.30 Late Night Movie: "The Quick and the Dead." Starring: Sam Elliot.  
12.00 News in Brief  
12.10 Magazine D'Actualite/Holy Quran/Closedown

**FRIDAY**  
4.00 Holy Quran  
4.10 Silver Hawk: cartoons  
4.30 Italian Football  
5.30 Walt Disney Film: "Hero".  
7.00 Star Trek: The Enterprise has engine trouble.  
8.00 News in English  
8.40 Big League Soccer. Brian Moore presents highlights of English League football.  
9.50 Weekend: fourth season of the local English language programme, begins this week. Co-ordinated by Aadeb Shuaiber; presenters include Maha Motawi and Derek Hicks.

10.30 Diamonds: "The Case." A man supposed to be dead is not really dead? But who was the man they buried? Christine investigates.  
11.30 News in Brief  
11.40 Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

Please note that programmes and timings are subject to change without notice.

**KTV 2**  
6.00 Holy Quran  
6.10 Sesame Street: a programme for young viewers.  
7.30 Mac and Muttley  
8.00 News in English  
8.40 The Highwayman: the highwayman pursues criminals who make life difficult for his friend  
9.30 The Cosby Show: marital problems are the theme of to-

## RADIO PROGRAMMES

## BBC World Services

0000 World News  
30 The Million Pound Radio Show  
0100 News Summary followed by Outlook  
25 Financial News  
30 Waveguide  
40 Book Choice  
0200 World News  
09 British Press Review  
15 Network UK  
30 Assignment  
0300 World News  
09 News about Britain  
15 The World Today  
30 Back to Square One  
0400 Newsdesk  
30 Society Today  
45 Andy Kershaw's World of Music  
0500 World News  
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary  
30 Financial News  
40 Words of Faith  
45 The World Today  
0600 Newsdesk  
30 3rd and 10th Smith and Son: 24th Ireland—Naturally  
40 The Farming World  
0700 World News  
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30 Mediawatch  
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15 Ideas  
25 Book Choice  
30 Citizens  
1200 Radio Newswest  
15 Multitrack 2  
45 Sports Roundup  
1300 World News  
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary  
30 Network UK  
45 Folk in Britain  
1400 Outlook, opening with 5-Minute News  
45 Mediawatch  
1500 Radio Newswest  
15 The Pleasure's Yours  
1600 World News  
09 News about Britain  
15 Assignment  
45 The World Today  
1700 World News  
09 Commentary  
15 Citizens  
45 Sports Roundup  
1800 Newsdesk  
30 Focus on Faith  
1900 Outlook, opening with News Summary  
25 Financial News  
30 24th Ireland—Naturally  
45 The Farming World  
2000 World News  
09 The World Today  
25 Words of Faith  
30 Meridian  
2100 News Summary followed by Sports Roundup  
15 Seven Seas  
30 Mediawatch  
45 Talking From...

## English

1600 Easy Listening  
1700 Arabic Songs and Music  
1800 Party Music  
1900 Songs and Heard  
2000 Party Music  
2130 News  
2145 Party Music  
2200 Closedown

## FM Services.

0800 Easy Listening  
0830 News  
0840 Easy Listening  
1000 Songs and Music  
1100 Country and Western  
1200 Songs and Music  
1300 Easy Listening  
1330 News  
1400 Alam Al Naghm: Classical

Music  
1600 Easy Listening  
1700 Arabic Songs and Music  
1800 Party Music  
1900 Songs and Heard  
2000 Party Music  
2130 News  
2145 Party Music  
2200 Closedown

## Urdu

1900 Opening  
1910 Behtereen Quail  
1916 Programme Preview  
1920 Songs  
1935 Press Report  
1940 Perchayyan  
2000 News  
2020 Songs  
2040 Radio Magazine  
2100 Closedown

## CINEMA TODAY

**Al Andalus**  
The Last Hunter  
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**Al Salmiya**  
Haunted Honeymoon  
Starring: Gilda Radner, Johnny Wilder  
**Al Hambra**  
Vigilante  
Starring: Fred Williamson  
**Drive-In**  
Malaf Samiya Sharawi (Arabic)

Starring: Nadiya Al Jundi, Farouk Fishawi, Kamal Shinnawi  
**Al Firdous**  
Ram Avtar (Hindi)  
Starring: Anil Kapoor, Sridevi, Sunny Deol  
**Fahadheal Open-Air**  
Sone Pe Suhagaa (Hindi)  
**Al Fahadheal**  
Shahi Khandaan (Bengali)  
**Al Jahra**  
Ighthal Madrasah (Arabic)

**Granada**  
Danger Zone  
Sulabikhat  
Mukundetta Sumitra Vilikunnu (Malayalam)  
**Al Jleeb**  
Jheel Ke Us Paar (Hindi)  
**Ahmad Drive-In**  
Arbaab Sawabaq (Arabic)  
**FRIDAY**  
**Al Jahra**  
Night on Town  
**Granada**  
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# BUSINESS & FINANCE

## Japanese to search for oil in Jordan

AMMAN, Nov 23, (Reuters): Japanese experts are to carry out a \$6 million search for oil and gas over two years in eastern Jordan, an embassy official said in Amman today.

He said the Japan National Oil Corporation (JNOC) signed an exploration agreement with Jordan's Natural Resources Authority on Sunday.

"The purpose will be to explore for oil, natural gas, oil shale and oil sand in a total area of 7,650 square km (3,000 square miles) in the Sarhan area, 85 km (55 miles) northeast of Amman," the official said.

**Agreement**

If oil is found in commercial quantities JNOC, which is partly state-owned, will ask Japan's six leading oil companies to bid for an oil-sharing agreement with Jordan, he added.

Jordan produces less than one per cent of the 60,000 barrels a day of crude oil it consumes, but pumps about 12 million cubic metres (420 million cubic feet) of gas daily from its Rishf field near the Iraqi border.

Canada granted Jordan \$13 million in July to fund seismic work near Rishf next year by the Petro Canada International Agency for Co-operation. The agency signed a two-year \$19-million assistance accord with Jordan last year.

Other companies involved in the kingdom's oil search include the US Amoco Oil Company, the Dallas-based Hunt Oil Company and the Belgian firm Petrofina.

## Kuwait wins gold medals

KUWAIT, Nov 23, (KUNA): Kuwait has won top awards for 25 years of distinctive participation in Baghdad International Fair, according to an official at the Kuwait Ministry of Commerce and Industry today.

Head of fair's section, Abdullah Al Oufan, said in a statement that Kuwait won two gold medals for distinctive and all-out presence in the Baghdad fair.

The Kuwaiti pavilion earned applause in respect of organisation and decoration. Al Oufan said, adding that Kuwait also received a memorial shield from President Saddam Hussein for regular participation in the annual fair over the past 25 years.

He said a total of 42 companies and corporations engaged in a variety of businesses took part in the fair. The delegation also comprised upwards of 150 salesmen of Kuwait-based companies.

Kuwaiti companies managed to clinch a good deal of business contracts and open new markets for national products in foreign countries, the official went on.

## British Steel to be sold for \$4.6b

LONDON, Nov 23, (AP): Shares in British Steel PLC will be offered to the public at 125 pence (\$2.29) each, making the value of the state-owned steel maker £2.5 billion (\$4.6 billion), the government said today.

The closing date for applications for the two billion shares on offer is Dec 2, with dealings in the shares due to commence simultaneously in London, New York and Toronto on Dec 5, the government said in disclosing details of the previously announced privatisation.

The share price was at the bottom end of market expectations that ranged from 125 pence (\$2.29) to 140 pence (\$2.56).

**Sale**

Analysts said the government was likely to set a low price to ensure a successful sale for the first privatisation since the government's troubled sale of its remaining stake in British Petroleum PLC, which coincided with the 1987 stock crash.

The market price of existing British Petroleum shares fell below the offering price of the new shares, killing the incentive for investors to buy the newly issued stock.

The British Steel sale precedes government efforts to sell off Britain's water and electricity industries beginning late next year.

Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's Conservative government has sold off billions of pounds worth of state assets since she came into power in 1979. Her aim in selling off such companies as Jaguar PLC, British PLC, and British Airways PLC has been to promote capitalism and share ownership.

## Government's first priority is to pay debts, says minister

## Iraq to set up first joint sector bank next year

MANAMA, Nov 23, (Agencies): Iraqi Finance Minister Hikmat Omar Mekhailef was quoted today as saying his country plans to set up its first joint sector bank next year.

The step, part of Iraq's post-war reconstruction plans, would be "just the beginning and as many as five to six more banks may be established soon," the minister told Dubai's English-language newspaper Gulf News in an interview in Baghdad.

He said the government was considering allowing banks of the Gulf Co-operation Council member states into Iraq, but not foreign ones.

The GCC groups Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Qatar, Bahrain, Oman and the United Arab Emirates.

The economic rehabilitation schemes in Iraq, and also in Iran, began as soon as the ceasefire

was enforced on Aug 20, halting eight years of fighting between the two countries.

Iraq on Nov 1 opened the first branches of the new state-owned Rashid Bank with a capital of 100 million dinars (\$300 million). The bank will compete with the Rafidain Bank, and both will offer incentives to attract business, Gulf News said.

**Debts**

The minister said that "a more vigorous banking sector" and an enhanced role for the private sector were going to be the hallmarks of the budget that the government was now lining up for 1989.

The minister stressed that the Iraqi government's "first priority is to pay the debts."

He declined to give precise figures about the debts, but the paper said they have been reported to be in the region of \$65 billion.

Mekhailef said: "I am glad that we are now looking at debts which are very manageable."

Gulf News quoted him as saying many countries have either rescheduled their credit lines or have agreed to do so in principle. Talks were being held with Soviet Union, Bulgaria, Hungary and Romania. He said Sofia gave "a very positive sign."

The Soviets are Iraq's main arms suppliers.

Mekhailef said that since President Saddam Hussein's order in 1985 to revamp the economy, the country has been diversifying its economic base away from oil which is the country's main revenue earner.

The financial policy now, he said, was geared to bringing about a "quantitative and qualitative change in the economy."

He referred to attempts to increase exports, including petrochemicals, fertilizers, manufactured and traditional goods.

The Iraqi dinar at present is equivalent to \$3.2 and is said to be overvalued. When asked about this, the minister conceded that there was an overvaluation. "But we are not worried about it," he said.

Meanwhile, the second stage of Iraq's "third river" drainage project is nearing completion, according to official sources at the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation.

The scheme will eventually help link agricultural projects in central and southern parts of the country with the Gulf.

The present stage includes the digging of a long canal that will link the southern city of Nasiriyah with the Musayab drainage scheme, about 187 km

to the north, and the construction of seven bridges over the new canal.

It also includes the building of a giant embankment, digging of a navigational route and reinforcement of drainage networks, particularly across the southern marshlands to withstand erosion and salination.

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## Key issues still pending in GATT talks

GENEVA, Nov 23, (Reuters): Government negotiators have almost completed a report on two years of talks on liberalising world trade, but they remain divided over several key issues, a spokesman for the GATT trade body said today.

Bargaining on farm trade reform, on which the United States and the European Economic Community diverge sharply, and on intellectual property rules for protecting patents and trade secrets will go on for two more weeks to try to narrow the differences, he said.

The outcome of these extra talks will be incorporated later in the 75-page progress report, which was adopted last night

after six days of intensive discussions, delegates said.

The document will be presented to trade ministers meeting in Montreal on Dec 5 to review mid-term results achieved in global negotiations launched by 105 countries at Punta Del Este, Uruguay, in 1986, and to chart a programme for future bargaining in 1989-90.

**Services**

The negotiations, known as the Uruguay round, are being conducted under the auspices of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT). They are aimed at freeing the flow of world trade in 14 sectors, including manufactured goods and

agriculture, and also for the first time service industries such as banking, insurance and tourism.

A separate negotiating group on services was still in session, but was expected to complete its work in the next day or two, GATT spokesman David Woods told a news conference.

Woods said it was clear that the ministers would be involved in "a real and major negotiation" at Montreal. This phase of bargaining had in fact begun in a substantial manner among delegations in Geneva over the past six days, and major progress was achieved, he said.

Woods said substantive agreement had been reached on future action in some areas

including non-tariff barriers to trade, but the ministers would have to choose between rival options on other issues such as procedure for settling trade disputes, and changes in the GATT system.

**Reform**

Farm trade reform is one of the most hotly disputed subjects in the talks. The US wants all countries to pledge to abolish all agricultural subsidies within an agreed period.

The EEC says this is unrealistic and has proposed freezing support for some products at 1984 levels as a short-term measure and reducing subsidies significantly over the long term.

## 70 factories on sale to private sector

BAGHDAD, Nov 23, (OPECNA): Seventy state-run factories have been put on sale to the Iraqi private sector, according to Adnan Abdul Majeed Jassam, undersecretary at the Ministry of Industry.

He told the Baghdad weekly 'Al Itihad' yesterday that the move was part of a government plan to do away with small projects and concentrate instead on "giant and strategic ones only."

Describing the projects on sale as "profitable," he said they included food, construction and textile manufacturing plants.

**Move**

The move is seen here as further encouragement to the private sector so that it can boost its contribution to Iraq's post-war reconstruction.

Under new investment regulations, similar facilities have also been offered to Arab investors, including permission to acquire land on which to build projects.

## Ford, Carter urge Bush to accept non-income taxes

WASHINGTON, Nov 23, (Reuters): Former Presidents Gerald Ford and Jimmy Carter urged President-elect Bush yesterday to back higher taxes on petrol, beer, wine and cigarettes to help cut the federal budget deficit.

In a report issued by American Agenda, a private organisation they jointly chair, Ford and Carter called on Bush to combine new non-income taxes and fees with defence spending limits and spending cuts to reduce the deficit by \$40 billion a year, achieving a balanced budget in the mid-1990s.

Along with the spending curbs, they said, "we would ... impose moderate increases in user fees and taxes on motor fuel, beer, wine and cigarettes."

Asked about the recommendation at a White House photo session, Bush told reporters, "they didn't mention that to me."

The president-elect met the

two former presidents for over an hour earlier yesterday.

Bush was elected on Nov 8 after repeating throughout his campaign: "Read my lips: no new taxes." The president-elect stood by the pledge in a new conference yesterday.

Bush did not specify that he would never accept any tax or user fee of any kind, but Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady said on Friday he presumed that no new taxes meant just that.

Carter and Ford said defence spending should be permitted only to keep pace with inflation.

**Increases**

They recommended smaller cost-of-living increases to social security recipients and federal pensioners, and unspecified cuts in federal health programme Medicare fees for doctors, farm crop price supports and spending for public works and transportation.

On foreign policy, Ford and Carter urged Bush to continue

US-Soviet talks on nuclear and non-nuclear force reductions.

They said the United States should support a negotiated peace settlement in Nicaragua and Central America.

"The basis of US policy," they said, "should be that no Soviet nuclear weapons or other major Soviet weapons be placed in Central America, and that Nicaragua must refrain from destabilising any other Central American country."

They urged Bush to give relations with Mexico higher priority by appointing a co-ordinator of American-Mexico affairs and developing means to deal with Mexico's international debt and other problems.

Carter and Ford recommended concentrating on the Third World debt problem at the July summit of industrial powers in France, saying debt threatened to undermine democracy in Central and Latin America.

The two urged Bush to work

out a plan with Congress to raise up to \$100 billion to pay off depositors at insolvent US thrifts and then impose reforms to protect federal insurance funds from future losses.

## UK inflation jumps to 6.4pc

LONDON, Nov 23, (AP): Britain's annual inflation rate jumped to 6.4 per cent in October from 5.9 per cent in September, pushed up by higher mortgage rates, the government said today.

However, the gain was in line with forecasts by Chancellor of the Exchequer Nigel Lawson and by analysts. The financial markets, relieved by the news, had little reaction.

Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher repeatedly has said that fighting inflation, which stood at 3.3 per cent in January, is her No 1 economic priority. To curb prices, the government pushed up interest rates significantly last summer, with the commercial

banks' base lending rate going from a 10-year low of 7.5 per cent in June to the current 12 per cent, and mortgage rates going up as well.

The Department of Employment said its retail price index rose one per cent in October from September after a 0.5 per cent gain in September from the previous month.

The index, which uses a 1987 base of 100, stood at 109.5 in October, compared with 108.4 in September, and 102.9 in October 1987.

The department said the latest rise was mainly the result of higher mortgage interest payments, following a round of

mortgage-rate hikes on Oct 1 when the average rate of 11.5 per cent rose to 12.75 per cent.

Employment Secretary Norman Fowler said that the index excluding mortgage interest payments rose 5.1 per cent in the year to October, compared with an annual rate of 5.2 per cent in September.

Interest rates have had to be increased to constrain price rises, but it will take time," Fowler said. "The government will continue to keep up the fight against inflation."

There were also price increases in clothing and footwear, motor vehicles, motor vehicle insurance and beer, the government said.



Amin Kadre, vice-president of the Automotive Support Group, and Tony Stevens, parts manager of Y.A. Alghanim & Sons WLL received market builder awards in recognition of increased sales of General Motors and AC Delco parts and accessories in 1987. The awards were presented by R.C. Trulzi, vice-president of GMODC Service Parts Operations International. On his visit to Kuwait, Trulzi, was accompanied by Theo Van Norten, area sales manager and Roger Pugsley, district sales manager, both of GMSPO International. This is the second consecutive year that Y.A. Alghanim & Sons WLL have received this prestigious award.

## World Business Summary

## Over \$300 million Bank of Crete funds misused

ATHENS, Nov 23, (AP): A government investigator's report published today concluded that over \$300 million belonging to one of Greece's leading private banks were misused or stolen by its chairman. Spyros Papadatos, temporary commissioner who was appointed earlier this month to investigate the widening bank scandal said chairman George Koskotas systematically "siphoned about \$135 million from the Bank of Crete which he passed through his own account." Papadatos' report named no politicians but said that Koskotas made loans without collateral or gave money to soccer clubs, athletes, business associates, journalists and friends. The report which disclosed names, did not specify whether any illegalities were involved in the loans and gifts totalling \$200 million. Koskotas gained control of the bank in 1984 two years after he joined its accounting department. The scandal has rocked Premier Andreas Papandreu's socialist government which has been accused of dragging its feet in opening the investigation. Papandreu's son George, who is minister of education, Minister to the Premiers Office, Agamemnon Koutsogiorgas and senior Socialist Party officials were accused by magazines and leading newspapers friendly to the government of being allegedly involved in financial dealings with Koskotas and illegally transferring money out of the country through his bank. The commissioner's report also listed state controlled public utility companies as major depositors at the bank totalling billions of drachmas (tens of millions of dollars). The Central Bank said that deposits at the Bank of Crete are guaranteed but many clients have reported difficulty in drawing large amounts of money from their accounts. The government's reluctance to announce what it intends to do with the bank has increased growing public dissatisfaction with its handling of the scandal. Koskotas is in Rio de Janeiro with his family and reportedly said he left because he feared for his life. He disappeared and apparently fled the country on Nov 6 while under police surveillance. Greece and Brazil do not have mutual extradition agreements but the government said a warrant has been issued through Interpol for Koskotas' arrest.

## Metal prices likely to fall in '89

LONDON, Nov 23, (Reuters): Metal prices are likely to fall next year from high 1988 levels as markets correct recent deficits to achieve a better balance between supply and demand, an independent British survey said today. But prices will not collapse because producers have been cautious about expanding or re-opening capacity, according to the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU), a research unit of London-based Economist Publications Ltd. The changes will take place as industrial output growth and vehicle production in Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) countries slow down, EIU said in its 1989 world commodity outlook. Copper and aluminium supplies are expected to be in surplus with prices for both metals falling to about \$0.90 a pound from a forecast 1988 \$1.10 for copper and \$1.20 for aluminium. Zinc prices are expected to fall to 48 cents a pound from 52 cents as supplies move into surplus with new production coming on stream in India, Canada, Australia and Brazil and lower demand from the construction and automobile industries. Lead will remain roughly in a supply/demand balance and the price is seen holding steady at around 30 cents a pound. Tin prices could rise to \$3.59 a pound from \$3.33 in 1988 as demand outstrip supplies. Nickel consumption will fall in 1989 due to lower demand from the stainless steel industry and prices are expected to fall to between \$3.90 and \$4.50 a pound from 5.56.



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ADT LTD	121.0	
AD LYONS	471.5	
AMSTRAD	175.0	
ARSTYL GP	167.0	
ASDA GP	168.0	
BAA	277.0	
BTR	293.5	
BAT INDS	444.0	
BARCLAYS	422.0	
BASS	799.0	
BEAZER	179.0	
BEECHMAN	470.0	
BERKSFORD	391.5	
BICC PLC	391.5	
BLUE ARMY	95.0	
BLUE CIRC	438.0	
BOC GP	417.0	
BOOTS CO	229.5	
BPI INDS	250.0	
BR COMM	227.0	
BR AIRWAY	161.0	
BR AEROSP	477.5	
BR GAS RG	163.0	
BR GAS RT	388.0	
BR LAND	266.0	
B.P.	145.0	
B.P. PP	254.0	
BR TELCOM	192.0	
BURMAN OL	516.0	
BURTON	192.0	
CABLE&T	366.0	
CADBURYS	58.50	
COATS VTY	174.0	
COMM INT	32.00	
COIN GOLD	197.0	
COOKSON	267.0	
COURTAUD	275.0	
DALGETY	135.00	
DIXONS	146.00	
ENG CHINA	485.0	
ENTER OIL	528.0	
FKI BACCK	134.0	
FERNANT	101.0	
FISONS	266.0	
GATEWAY	165.0	
GEN ACCID	828.0	
GEN ELEC	178.0	
GLAXO	075.0	
GRANADA	33*21	
GLOBE	144.5	
GLYNED	298.0	
GUARD RYL	184.0	
GUN	321.0	
GUINNESS	34.00	
HARMSON A	858.0	
HARMSON C	152.0	
HARMSON D	690.0	
HILLSDOWN	553.0	
HILLSDOWN	266.0	
ICI	014.0	

## LONDON

(Beta Stocks)

NAME	CLOSE	OPEN
2ND ALLCE	734.4	735.0
600 GROUP	120.0	120.0
A-AMER TS	363.0	363.0
A-ELECT	427.0	426.0
A-S.W.HLD	208.0	209.0
AAB KENT	90.0	89.0
AAB HLD	284.0	285.0
ARMSTRONG	124.0	123.0
ADISON	37.0	37.0
ADONEST	181.0	181.0
ALEX WRKM	169.0	170.0
ALEXON	343.0	342.0
ALCO COLL	124.0	125.0
ALLD IN B	244.0	244.0
ALLD LND	133.4	134.0
ALLD PLNT	66.4	67.0
ALLIANCE	822.0	823.0
AMBER DAY	46.4	47.0
AMEC	359.0	359.0
AMER TST	127.2	127.0
AMERSHAM	533.0	536.0
AM NHTC	251.0	251.0
AMHIA TV	218.0	217.0
ANPSCHER	82.0	84.0
APPLEYARD	460.0	460.0
APV PLC	128.0	129.0
ARIZONA	44.00	44.00
ASILEY LA	110.0	110.0
ATTWOODS	304.0	303.0
AUTO REED	370.0	370.0
AUTO SECS	271.0	272.0
AVOEL PLC	82.5	83.0
AVESCO	115.0	114.0
AVIS EUR	334.0	334.0
AVON RUBB	678.0	675.0
B.WEIMILL	205.0	206.0
BAILL JAP	469.0	469.0
BAILL SHI	79.4	79.0
BALRO (W)	238.0	237.0
BANK RUS	238.0	239.0
BANKER IT	72.0	72.0
BANKER DO	116.0	116.0
BART DEV	181.0	180.0
BAYNES C	29.0	30.0
BDA GROUP	168.0	168.0
BEAR B.U	3.0	3.4
BEAR BRND	11.2	11.4
BEATTIE J	157.0	156.0
BEJAM GP	191.0	191.0
BEHAVEN	53.4	54.0
BELWAY	233.0	233.0
BERKELEY	224.0	223.0
BENLOX	49.0	49.0
BERKELEY	274.0	275.0
BHAI MINT	442.0	
BHAI GROUP	105.0	105.0
BK OF SCO	357.0	358.0
BLACK LE	12.2	12.0
BUNNETT +F	33.0	33.0
BOASE HAS	24.0	24.0
BOODINGTN	164.0	165.0

## NEW YORK

(Alpha Stocks)

NAME	OPEN	MID-DAY
A BSCH CCM	30.3	30.2
ATLANTIC R	78.1	78.1
AAR CORP	22.4	22.3
ABBOTT LAB	44.4	44.3
ACME CLVD	7.7	7.7
ADV MICRO	7.5	7.5
AEROFI LAB	5.6	5.6
ALASKA AIR	47.6	47.7
ALCAN ALUM	38.2	38.1
ALBERTSONS	19.3	19.4
ALBMA 8-16	0	83.0
ALCO STAND	30.4	30.3
AM CYANAMID	23.2	23.2
AM ELET PW	45.4	45.1
AM HOM PRO	26.5	26.5
AM STANDARD	77.5	78.0
AM STORES	54.1	54.0
AM TEL-TEL	28.6	28.5
AMOCO CORP	71.6	71.3
AMP INC	42.4	42.4
AMPCO PITT	0	12.5
AMR CORP	47.6	47.7
AMR GEN CO	30.5	30.5
AMERADA NE	28.6	28.7
ANTHELE ELE	8.4	8.4
APACHE CP	7.0	7.0
APPL 8-12	0	84.0
ARMSTRONG	32.6	32.7
ASHLAND OIL	32.7	32.5
ASIA PACIFIC	6.2	6.1
ATL CORP	29.3	29.3
AVERT INT	21.5	21.4
AVNET INC	19.5	19.5
AVON PRODS	19.2	19.2
BOEING CO	31.2	31.2
BELL SOUTH	39.2	39.2
RELO CP A	25.6	25.6
BETH STEEL	20.5	20.5
BEVERLY	4.6	4.7
BANK BOSTON	23.3	23.4
BANK BOSTN-A	0	40.4
BANK TR-MY	34.3	34.3
BANKAMERICA	17.3	17.3
BANKAM SPEC	6.6	6.6
BOEING CO	61.7	61.7
BOISE CASC	40.0	40.0
BND IN GLD	0	7.2
BORDEN	55.2	55.2
BOMATE	26.0	25.7
BR TELECOM	46.7	46.7
BRIAR-STR	28.1	28.1
BRIST-WYER	43.2	43.2
BROWN-SWICK	17.7	17.7
U-EXPLAUR	47.0	47.0
U-FIELDS	49.0	49.0
U-FLOYD E	20.0	20.0
U-FRO ST	110.0	110.0
U-HUGH PT	25.7	25.7
U-HUGH PT	136.0	136.0
U-HUGHES	53.0	53.0
U-ISRAEL	20.2	20.4
U-KUNICK	42.0	42.0
U-LN FRF	16.7	16.7
U-LNCH HS	7.0	7.0
U-LNCH VT	4.6	4.6
U-MICROVT	45.0	45.0
U-MOLINAR	47.0	47.0
U-MORRYDAN	385.0	385.0
U-PAYTON	4.4	4.4
U-RDSTN	200.0	199.0
U-SAC	16.0	16.0
U-SELBY	16.0	16.0
U-SH BUS	34.0	34.0
U-STONPE	22.0	22.0
U-TBND W	13.0	13.0
U-TBND W	38.0	38.0
U-UTR GRP	194.0	195.0
U-UNS LEI	47.0	47.0
UNDERWOOD	95.0	94.0
UNITED DIS	506.0	508.0
UNITTECH	212.0	211.0
UTD INDUS	58.0	58.0
UTD SCIE	196.0	196.0
UTD SCIE	53.0	53.0
UTD SCIE	73.0	73.0
UTD SCIE	27.0	27.0
UTD SCIE	321.0	321.0
VICKERS	185.0	185.0
VIRGIN GP	136.0	136.0
VIRGIN GP	155.0	155.0
WAGON HDS	337.0	337.0
WALSH HDS	112.0	113.0
WALSH ST	625.0	625.0
WATERFO	76.0	76.0
WATERFO	76.0	76.0
WATTS CTY	178.0	178.0
WATTS BBS	333.0	332.0
WCS GRP	210.0	210.0
WEIR GP	258.0	258.0
WEIR GP	127.0	127.0
WESTBURY	246.0	246.0
WESTLAND	108.0	108.0
WHEATY	90.0	91.0
WICKES PL	215.0	215.0
WILKER GRN	82.0	81.0
WILSON BOV	228.0	228.0
WILSON COR	172.0	171.0
WOLSELEY	260.0	262.0
WOLSELEY	477.0	477.0
WPP GRP	377.0	377.0
WST MOTOR	600.0	599.0
YALEVAL	348.0	352.0
YORK CHEN	259.0	258.0
YORKSHR TV	218.0	215.0

## NEW YORK

(Beta Stocks)

NAME	OPEN	MID-DAY
A BSCH CCM	30.3	30.2
ATLANTIC R	78.1	78.1
AAR CORP	22.4	22.3
ABBOTT LAB	44.4	44.3
ACME CLVD	7.7	7.7
ADV MICRO	7.5	7.5
AEROFI LAB	5.6	5.6
ALASKA AIR	47.6	47.7
ALCAN ALUM	38.2	38.1
ALBERTSONS	19.3	19.4
ALBMA 8-16	0	83.0
ALCO STAND	30.4	30.3
AM CYANAMID	23.2	23.2
AM ELET PW	45.4	45.1
AM HOM PRO	26.5	26.5
AM STANDARD	77.5	78.0
AM STORES	54.1	54.0
AM TEL-TEL	28.6	28.5
AMOCO CORP	71.6	71.3
AMP INC	42.4	42.4
AMPCO PITT	0	12.5
AMR CORP	47.6	47.7
AMR GEN CO	30.5	30.5
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BANK BOSTN-A	0	40.4
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BSCH COH	30/3	30/2	GER TRISA	
ANTIC R	78/1	78/1	GEN MILLS	
AR CORP	22/4	22/3	GEN MOTORS	
ABBOTT LAB	44/4	44/3	GEN SIGNAL	
ACME CLVD	7/7	7/7	GENECPOR	
ADV MICRO	7/5	7/5	GENETECH	
AEROFI LAB	5/6	5/6	GENUINE PA	
ALASKA AIR	47/6	47/7	GEPI 847-80	
ALCAN ALUM	38/1	38/1	GEORGI PAC	
ALBERTSONS	19/3	19/4	GIBR FI-CL	
ALBMA 8-16	0	83/0	GLOBAL NRG	
ALAN ALUM	30/4	30/3	GOLDEN NUG	
AL STAND	23/2	23/2	GOODRICH	
CYANIUM	45/4	45/1	GOODYEAR	
DELIGHT PW	26/5	26/5	GRACE WR	
DEKOR PRO	77/5	78/0	GRANGER	
DEKOR PRO	79/5	79/7	GREYHOUND	
STANDARDS	0	7/7/7	GRIMMAN	
STORES	54/1	54/0	GULF RES-C	
TELECOM	28/6	28/3	GULF-WESTN	
CCO CORP	71/6	71/3	HALLIBURTN	
INC	42/4	42/4	HALLWOOD	
CCO PITT	0	12/5	HANNA NCM	
CORP	47/6	47/7	HARRIS CP	
GEN CO	30/5	30/5	HARTTHACH	
GRADNA NE	28/6	28/7	HEINZ NJ	
HENSON ELE	8/4	8/4	HEL CURTIS	
CHCHE CP	7/0	7/0	HENL-PAYNE	
AL 8-12	0	84/0	MERCULES	
STRONG	32/6	32/5	HEMA-PACK	
SLMD OIL	32/7	32/5	HENKEL CP	
A PACIF	6/2	6/1	HILLENBRD	
S CORP	29/3	29/3	HILLENBRD	
RY INT	21/5	21/4	HILTY HTLS	
ET INC	19/5	19/5	HITACHI	
N PRODS	19/2	19/2	HNSTKE MIN	
INC	31/2	31/3	HNDR-HARNH	
SOUTH	32/2	32/2	HOLIDAY C	
25/6	20/0	20/0	HOME DEPOT	
N STEEL	20/5	20/5	HOME FED S	
ERLY	4/6	4/7	HOUGHN MTR	
BOSTON	23/3	23/4	HOWMETAL	
BSTN-A	0	40/4	HOUSTON IN	
N-YORK	34/3	34/3	HUGHES SUP	
TR-NY	37/5	37/6	HUMANIA INC	
AMERICA	17/3	17/3	IBM	
NW SPEC	6/6	6/5	IC INDUST	
KING CO	61/7	61/7	IC PHARMA	
SE CLAS	40/0	40/0	INC PUR CO	
IN GLD	0	7/2	ILCO LTD	
DETER	55/2	55/2	INDIA GROW	
TELECOM	26/0	25/7	JEFF PILOT	
GGGS-STR	46/7	46/7	JER PW 8-5	
ST-WYCK	28/1	28/2	JOHNSON CO	
SNWICK	43/2	43/1	JOHNSN-JNS	
INDY CP	17/7	18/4	K NART CP	
INC	11/7	12/4	KAN CI P-L	
TD CORP	36/5	36/6	KELLOGE	
BARKS W	22/5	22/5	KERR MCGER	
			KEYSTONE	
			KIMB-CLARK	
			KLM R D AL	



## Currency rates

**KUWAIT, Nov 23, (KUNA):** Following are international currency rates as quoted by local banks and announced by the Central Bank of Kuwait today.

	Buying	Selling
US dollar	0.27857	0.27973
Sterling	0.50970	0.51450
D. mark	0.16150	0.16330
S. franc	0.19210	0.19430
F. franc	0.04732	0.04774

## Interest Rates

Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	7-3/16	7-11/16
3 months	6-15/16	7-7/16
6 months	6-13/16	7-5/16
1 year	6-11/16	7-3/16

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**FRANKFURT** **TOKYO**

# 1994

ENS	477.2	478.4
SEN	178.6	178.9
A	312.0	310.0

### Tokyo Stock Market Report

TOKYO STOCKS CLOSE AT RECORD HIGH FOR EIGHTH DAY

# Tokyo Stock Market Report

DAILY TURNOVER IS STILL BELOW THE YEAR'S RECORD OF SOME 2.7 BILLION SHARES SET IN JUNE. IT TOTALLED 1.2 BILLION TODAY. "THE MARKET IS TRYING TO REACH EQUILIBRIUM NOW AND BUYING UP LAGGARDS," SAID NICE MORIZUMI, A MARKET ANALYST AT MERRILL LYNCH JAPAN INC.

THESE INCLUDED FINANCIAL STOCKS WHICH HAVE BEEN LARGELY INACTIVE SINCE A BIG RALLY ABOUT A WEEK AGO. HEAVY BUYING OF THESE STOCKS, WHICH ARE HEAVILY REPRESENTED IN THE NIKKEI, HELPED PUSH UP THE INDEX TODAY.

THE PROSPECT OF CONTINUED LOW INTEREST RATES ADDED A FURTHER INCENTIVE TO BUY SUCH SHARES, BROKERS SAID.

## Hong Kong Market Report

# LONG KONG

JCK	LAST	PR-CLSE
TUNNEL	15.50	15.40
ING K	7.45	7.25
I GAS	17.00	16.80
I L P	14.20	14.30
I MOTR	23.10	23.10
I PROP	3.60	3.60
I IND	2.05	2.02
AST C	.73	.72
RIENT	0	44.00
EVELP	8.85	8.85
INDEX	598.78	598.78
LUNG	5.50	5.35
SENG	27.70	27.80
AR BR	9.00	9.00
SC CD	6.30	6.85
ALOOM	8.80	8.80
ID CD	8.90	8.65
M BK	6.20	6.15
IN HT	5.55	5.55
E VE CO	5.10	5.10
WAMM	8.45	8.25
PAC	10.00	10.00
E H M	14.90	14.50
N M	8.60	8.55
RLD	12.60	12.20
CON	2.45	2.55
DEV	6.95	6.95
DO	1.98	1.95
PROP	11.70	11.50
URBY	2.22	2.22
NFG	2.60	2.55
PAC	18.30	18.10
ING K	1.36	1.30
ELNG	4.02	3.97
WANK	1.56	1.54
WARD	0	7.25
WRTI	0	1.15
NATI	3.90	3.77

**PHILIPPINES MAKATI**

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL SECTOR				BC-A	70.00	70.00
STOCK	BUY	SELL	OPEN	LC-A	.47	.46
AC-A	10.00	10.25	10.00	LC-B	.47	.48
ARS	2.46	2.50	2.48	PK-A	.33	.34
GLO	31.00	31.50		PK-B	.33	.34
PLDT	216.00	217.00	217.00	OIL SECTOR		
KPSI-A	2.18	2.24		BP-A	.011	.011
KPSI-B	2.16	3.00		BP-B	.012	.011
SNC-A	141.00	142.00	141.00	LRC-A	.0026	.0028
SNC-B	229.00		230.00	LRC-B	.0026	.0028
MINING SECTOR				OPW-A	.022	.023
APX-A	.023	.024	.022	OPW-B	.023	.024
APX-B	.023	.024	.022	OW-A	.025	.024
AT-A	29.00	29.50	29.00	OW-B	.026	.025

## Makati Stock Market Report

OFFICIAL INFORMATION				
SECTOR	SHARES	VALUE	AVERAGES	CHANGES
COMM-IND.	736,695	14,742,680	872.35	0.60 UP
MINING	91,123,800	21,613,850	4,485.86	50.35 UP
OIL	246,500,000	3,611,980	4.242	0.053 UP
TOTAL	338,360,695	39,968,510	720.46	4.88 UP

**PHILIPPINES MANILA**

STOCK/INDUSTRIAL/SECTOR									
	STOCK	BUY	SELL	OPEN					
SNC-A	141.00	141.00	141.00		BC-A	70.00	70.50	70.00	
SNC-B	230.00	232.00	230.00		BC-B		95.00		
SO-TIRE	34.00	35.00	34.00		LC-A	.46	.47	.46.	
PLDT	216.00	217.00	217.00		LC-B	.47	.48	.47	
ANSOCR-A2.48		2.50	2.48		ZIP	.008	.0085	.008	
OIL SECTOR									
AC-A	10.00	10.25	10.00		STOCK	BUY	SELL	OPEN	
GLO	31.50	32.00	31.50		BP-A	.01	.011	.01	
FER-A	2.16	2.20	2.18		BP-B	.01	.011	.011	
FER-B	2.22	2.30	2.20		LRC-A	.0026	.0028		
MINING SECTOR									
STOCK	BUY	SELL	OPEN		OPN-A	.023	.024	.023	
APX-A	.023	.024	.022		OPN-B	.024	.025	.024	
APX-B	.023	.024	.023		OV-A	.025	.025	.025	
AT-A	29.00	29.50	29.50		OV-B	.026	.027	.025	

## Manila Stock Market Report

OFFICIAL INFORMATION				
SECTOR	SHARES	VALUE	AVERAGES	CHANGES
C/I	....996,810	24,923,740	876.96	UP 0.79
MINING	126,244,400	28,144,490	4349.32	UP 65.69
OILS	330,810,000	6,734,740	4.537	UP 0.140
TOTAL	458,051,210	59,802,970	728.48	UP 9.43

**SINGAPORE**

NAME	LAST PR	CL	FIMA BHD	248	KILLINGHA	354
ADEF A			FUJITEC	656	N BREW	1090 1080
ADEF B			G KENT	64	N CEHENT	93 93
AJINOMOTO			G LUMBER	95	N COMT	103 101
AMAL IND	200		G TOWN	110	N FEEDMIL	---- 34
AMAL IND	90	87	G U HDGS	102	N FLOUR	285
AMAL PROP		20.5	GANDA HDG	28	N GLASS	208
AMAL STEEL	182	175	GEN CORP	58	N TIM PRT	52
BATA		350	GENTING	520	N UTO IND	159 157
BERJAYA	114	113	GOLD COOH	180	N UTO MFG	59 58
C'MAY INV		60	GSI	128	N'SHITA	570
CARLSBERG	535	535	G LINDSE	326	N'HATA	55
CCM		314	GULA	28.5	NAGNUM	200 198
CEREBOIS	550	560	H L IND.	153	NETC BOX	408 400
CI HDGS		85	HARIMAU	95	MTC BHD	318 316
CK TANG	342	348	HAN PAR	291	MULPAIND	24 24
COLD STOR	478	470	INCHCAPE	462	MULTIPURP	57.5 56
DAYAPI		530	INDO-PAC	227	MUKATASO	
DKN		430	INNOVEST	96	N S TIME	284 282
DNIB DITA	103	102	INSAS	27	NMAELASTPR	CL
DUTA CON	----	109	ISETAN	675	PEGI	30 29.5
DUTCHBABY		440	J SHYARD	332	RALEIGH	71 69.5
ELEC MAGN		162	JACKS LTD	138	ROBINSON	297 235
ESSO ORD	348	346	JC ENT	92	S DABBY	302 298
FU YAK S.		240	JC-MPH	86	S FODDER	47
B A C F	20.25	214	JORHAN HDG	38	S PACIFIC	322
F E Y SHIP	214	214	K G HDGS	110	S PRESS	720 705
FEN A	625	615	K KELLAS	220	S PRESS F	720 700
FEN ORD	645	635	KAMUNTING	100	S SHIP	350 356
FEB CABLE	----	67	KAMUNTA A	75.5	S SANADA	122
			KE SANG	31.5	SEAL INC	100

## Chennai Stock Market Report

SINGAPORE STOCK PRICES MARGINALLY HIGHER AT MIDDAY  
SINGAPORE, NOV 23, REUTERS - SHARE PRICES ENDED THE MORNING MARGINALLY HIGHER ACROSS THE BOARD FOLLOWING A 12 POINT GAIN ON WALL STREET OVERNIGHT, BROKERS SAID.  
THE STRAITS TIMES INDUSTRIAL AVERAGE CLOSED 6.07 POINTS TO 1,006.00 IN MODERATE TRADING. ADVANCES OUTNUMBERED DECLINES BY 123 TO 12. TURNOVER IMPROVED TO 11.9 MLN SHARES COMPARED WITH 8.7 MLN SHARES AT MIDDAY ON TUESDAY.  
PRICE CHANGES WERE IN A SINGLE DIGIT RANGE WITH THE EXCEPTION OF SPH LOCAL, SIA FOREIGN AND SPH FOREIGN WHICH POSTED GAINS OF 10 CENTS EACH. CONSOLIDATED PLANTATIONS WAS THE MOST STOCK ON TURNOVER OF 1.66 MLN SHARES.

**ZÜRICH**

STOCK	LAST	PR-CLSE	OE BUEHR I	1035	1040
BAER NIGS	11700	11700	OE BUEHR N	300	300
BALOTISE PS	2125	21700	OE BUEHR P	266.00	255.00
BBC I A	2610	2625	ROCHIE BABY	11825	11600
BK LEU I	3250	3170	ROCHIE I	11000	10000
BK LEU N	2925	2825	RUECKVER I	10500	10600
BK LEU P	430	430	RUECKVER N	6550	6525
CFV	0	1150	RUECKVER P	1575	1560
C18 GEIG I	2770	2800	RY TR BK	1075	1075
C18 GEIG N	1865	1850	S BNKSLG I	3190	3050
C18 GEIG P	1865	1895	S BNKSLG N	610	598
CKW	0	1270	S BNKSLG P	115.00	113.00
CRED SUI I	2660	2650	S BNKVRN I	347	341
CRED SUI N	518	518	S BNKVRN N	296.00	296.00
EG LAUFEN	0	1775	S BNKVRN P	294	293
ELEKTROMAT	2730	2750	SANZOZ I	9900	9800
ENG CHEN I	3640	3700	SANZOZ N	6850	6600
ENG CHEN P	7100	7150	SANZOZ PS	1580	1580
GLORUS I	6700	6525	SESS N	4850	4900
GLORUS N	1110	1115	SULZER S	440	420
JACOBS S I	6910	6790	SVB	1725	1720
JACOBS S N	1350	1325	SWISSAIR	1075	1065
JACOBS S P	570	540	SWISSAIR N	960	950
JELN I	2800	2775	W THUR I	4625	4575
JELN PS	392	380	W THUR N	2970	2925
LANDIS N	1500	1430	W THUR PS	633	621
LANDIS PS	0	190.00	ZURICH I	4760	4610
MERCK I	765	770	ZURICH N	3090	3000
			ZURICH PS	1650	1655

## Brazil should cut debt by \$6 billion, says official

**BASILIA, Nov. 23, (Reuters):** Brazil, the Third World's biggest debtor, should top \$6 billion off its foreign debt by the end of the year through debt conversions, a senior official said yesterday.

Sergio Amaral, secretary for foreign affairs at the Finance Ministry, told reporters Brazil would continue programmes to cut its foreign debt, which is expected to drop from \$121.3 billion to 115.2 billion during 1988.

But he added it would introduce measures to limit such programmes in order to avoid inflationary pressures on the economy.

The auctions have injected money into industries as diverse as paper, tourism and agriculture. In addition, informal conversions based on complex transactions which take advantage of a thriving black market have wiped \$3 billion more off the debt.

**Creditors**

These informal conversions have enabled Japanese, European and US banks to get their money directly from creditors rather than going through the Central Bank.

Amaral said \$1 billion had been cut from the debt via exit bonds with fixed interest for 25

### Debt

On Sunday Finance Minister Mailson Nobrega announced the government might suspend debt-equity swaps for six months or hold debt auctions on a bi-monthly rather than monthly basis.

The various options are still being studied. "Nothing has been decided yet," said Amaral.

Brazil's inflation rate this year is expected to top 800 per cent.

Since April, each month Brazil has auctioned off \$150 million of mature debt in the country's major stock exchanges. By the end of the year, these debt-for-equity swaps will have cancelled \$1.8 billion of debt.

He said the government was likely to reduce the amount of informal debt conversions substantially in 1989.

Last month the government banned state-owned companies from participating in the informal scheme because they had fuelled a rising black market dollar rate and inflated the country's monetary base. About 85 per cent of the companies involved in such conversions were state-owned.

Foreign bankers and the state companies said they had expected government intervention in the scheme but regretted the decision.

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**EEC ministers agree sharp cuts in farm spending**

BRUSSELS, Nov 23. (Reuters): European Economic Community budget ministers yesterday agreed 1989 spending plans for the 12-nation bloc which include sharp cuts in farm spending, diplomats said.

It is now up to the European parliament, which debates the budget in December, to give final approval to the proposals before the year ends. If this happens, it will be the first time since 1979 that the community has entered a new year with a budget already agreed.

Diplomats noted the budget's speedy completion owed much to an agreement by EEC leaders in Brussels last February to rein in farm spending and reform the community's finances in general.

**Growth**  
But stronger than expected economic growth, the firmer dollar and higher commodity prices had also boosted community revenues, effectively reducing the burden to be carried by member states next year.

Farm spending, set at 26.8 billion European currency units (\$32.2 billion), will fall below 60 per cent of total expenditure for the first time since current budget calculations were introduced in the early 1980s.

The 1988 budget had been set at 43.8 billion ECU (\$52.6 billion), but the EEC's Executive Commission said last month that it would be left with about five per cent of that sum unspent because its farm support policy had cost less than expected.

**OPEC's unity and cohesion vital, says Sheikh Sabah****Ministers postpone crucial oil talks**

VIENNA, Nov 23. (Agencies): OPEC ministers agreed today to postpone a crucial round of talks until tomorrow to allow more time to hammer out an agreement to reunite the organisation and curb overproduction.

OPEC spokesman James Audu told Reuters: "The meeting has been postponed until about 11 am (1000 GMT) tomorrow morning."

It was the third time that OPEC ministers meeting in Vienna had pushed back a formal meeting of all 13 organisation producers. The delay was announced as intense behind-the-scenes talks continued for a seventh day.

Ministers had originally been due to meet at OPEC's headquarters here at 10 am (0900 GMT) today, but that had already been pushed back to 3 pm (1400 GMT).

Audu said: "Perhaps they needed more time for consultations."

**Deal**  
The Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries has been struggling to strike a deal to rein in production and reconcile rival demands by Iran and Iraq since last Thursday, first with a small group of mediators and since Monday with all 13 nations.

The main sticking point has been Iraqi demands to be allowed to pump the same amount of oil under a new output deal as its former Gulf war foe Iran.

traditionally a larger producer. Iranian Oil Minister Gholamreza Aqazadeh has consistently rejected that demand, but has come under intense pressure from Gulf producer nations to back down.

Aqazadeh repeated his opposition to such a deal yesterday after a nearly hour-long meeting with ministers from Venezuela, Nigeria, Algeria and Indonesia, and said he would "never concede to parity."

Oil futures had soared earlier after Aqazadeh, in response to reporters' questions, said: "I think we can reach an agreement."

OPEC President Rilwanu Lukman, who is Nigeria's oil minister, said: "We will not end without an agreement."

**Output**  
Aqazadeh wants Iran's share of total OPEC output maintained at the current level of 13.5 per cent, the second-largest after Saudi Arabia's 25.6 per cent.

Iraq's share in the current production accord, worked out in 1986, is third-largest at 11.7 per cent.

The current accord caps OPEC's total output at about 15 million barrels a day, although disregard for quotas has led production to soar to 21 million barrels a day. The glut has depressed prices worldwide.

A senior member of one delegation said on condition of not being identified that a consensus appeared to be building for a new ceiling of about 18.5

million barrels a day. Under the current accord, Iran has a quota of 2.4 million barrels a day, Iraq was given a ceiling of 1.5 million, which it has refused to accept.

OPEC members are Saudi Arabia, Iran, Iraq, United Arab Emirates, Venezuela, Ecuador, Kuwait, Libya, Gabon, Indonesia, Algeria, Nigeria and Qatar.

A sudden mood of optimism had spread through the conference yesterday, but had evaporated by the time key OPEC ministers began a fresh round of bargaining today.

Oil analysts said talk of a breakthrough still seemed premature and some warned OPEC was back to square one, with neither Iran nor Iraq prepared, in public at least, to give way on the principle of production parity.

Before the fresh postponement of formal talks, United Arab Emirates Oil Minister Mana Said Al Oteiba had hinted that the organisation may need more time to thrash out a deal.

"There is an arrangement in the works, but I don't know when the work is going to be complete," he told reporters. "I think we have to finish by the end of the week, we are not going to stay longer."

The main thrust of negotiations has been to persuade Iran to back down on the parity issue in return for a relatively low 1989 production ceiling for the organisation as a whole.

A widely suggested figure of

18.5 million barrels per day would slash the organisation's current output by 4.5 million barrels and could push world petroleum prices sharply higher.

That would appeal to Iran's traditionally hawkish stance on prices in OPEC negotiations.

Mehdi Vaziri, analyst at London brokers Kleinwort Benson Securities, said the odds were still in favour of an accord, but added Gulf Arab producers such as Saudi Arabia and Kuwait might have to rethink their strategy.

Delegates said the main deal on the table was little changed from that suggested by Gulf states in October.

Meanwhile, Kuwait's Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed today expressed hope that the current OPEC ministerial conference will produce an agreement that caters to the interests of all the organisation's 13 members.

In a statement to reporters in Kuwait, Sheikh Sabah said that maintaining the unity and cohesion of OPEC was of vital importance.

That goal, he went on, could be attained if all members brushed aside their differences as to the strength of OPEC's standing as a stabilising factor in the international oil market.

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**Dollar dives and gold steadies**

LONDON, Nov 23. (Agencies): The dollar closed down against most major European currencies today. Gold prices held steady.

The dollar was down in Frankfurt at 1.7160 marks against yesterday's closing 1.7285, in Zurich at 1.4415 Swiss francs against 1.4500, in Paris at 5.8860 francs against 5.9085, in Brussels at 36.25 Belgian francs against 36.425, and in Milan at 1.279.50 lira against 1.284.80.

In London, the pound closed unchanged at \$1.8335.

Gold was unchanged in Zurich at \$419.50 per ounce and in London at \$419.25 per ounce.

Silver ended the day higher in Zurich at \$6.10 per ounce against \$6.10 and in London at \$6.11 per ounce against \$6.04.

The dollar was static in quiet European business today, but dealers thought it might drift lower and some thought central banks could be planning to surprise the market by intervening to support the currency.

Share markets in London and Paris strengthened a shade, mirroring yesterday's firmer

tone on Wall Street, while Frankfurt was steady despite continuing concerns about the dollar.

Oil prices rose in the morning on expectations that OPEC ministers meeting in Vienna would reach a fresh production accord, but fell again as doubts about a quick deal emerged.

The dollar was a shade firmer at around 121.60 Japanese yen by midday in Europe against yesterday's close in London of 121.35.

**Dealers**

With Tokyo markets closed for a holiday, dealers in London said they expected business to remain slow until US markets opened, when the dollar, would probably resume its downward path.

Some added that the US Thanksgiving Day holiday tomorrow had already drained energy from the market.

They said they were restricting their trading positions because of uncertainty about when the big central banks would renew their support for the beleaguered US currency.

Although European central banks failed to join open market intervention by the New York Federal Reserve yesterday, some dealers said central banks may spring a surprise on the market today and jump in while it is quiet.

"They might just catch everyone on the hop and come in when they are least expected," a dealer at a US bank in London said.

Most dealers have little idea at what level central banks would choose to defend the dollar.

Dealers in Frankfurt said they did not expect the Bundesbank to intervene unless the dollar fell sharply towards 1.71 marks.

**Solidarity**

"The Bundesbank only came in last week to show solidarity with other central banks. From its own point of view it has no reason to buy the dollar," one said.

London shares were boosted when a Dutch group Rodamco launched a £1.3-billion (\$2.3-billion) takeover bid for British

property firm Hammerson. The 100-share FTSE index was up 15.9 points at 1,837.2 by lunchtime.

Earlier Hong Kong stocks ended strongly in the heaviest volume since July 7, pushing the Hang Seng index up 34.86 points to 2,633.65.

Australian shares broke out of a recent slide and finished 11.2 points higher at 1,489.7.

**Optimism**

Oil prices rose by up to 40 cents a barrel from the US close yesterday on growing optimism that OPEC ministers meeting in Vienna would reach agreement on limiting crude production.

A cargo of typical North Sea Brent blend for January delivery traded at \$13.20 a barrel in Europe compared with 12.82 in late US business, but doubts emerged by lunchtime and quotes faded back to just over \$13.

Dealers said the OPEC talks in Vienna and the dollar were still the main influences in slow business.

**Rajiv to open Indo-Gulf fertilizer plant**

AMETHI, Nov 23. (OPECNA): Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi is to inaugurate the \$740-million Indo-Gulf fertilizer plant in the northern state of Uttar Pradesh on Thursday.

The plant, which will produce 1,350 tonnes of ammonia and 2,000 tonnes of urea daily, is spread over 800 acres of land near Jagdishpur.

Natural gas, supplied from India's offshore Bombay High, will be used as fuel and feedstock for the plant, which will provide regular work for 1,000 people and generate sizeable though indirect employment and business opportunities.

Full production at the plant is expected to save the country \$180 million in foreign exchange, apart from cutting down its fertilizer imports.

Once the plant is commissioned, India's farming sector will be in a position to produce four million tonnes of additional food grains.

**Al Khalid for Bahrain**

KUWAIT, Nov 23. (KUNA): Minister of Commerce and Industry Faisal Abdul Razaq Al Khalid leaves here on Friday for Bahrain to participate in the 12th meeting of Gulf Trade Co-operation Committee to be held on Nov 26-27.

The minister will also attend the 10th meeting of standardisation committee, and the inauguration of the joint Gulf exhibition which will open in Bahrain on Nov 26.

**Delegation**

The minister will be accompanied by a ranking delegation including ministry's assistant undersecretary for trade affairs Rashid Al Mejren, and acting assistant undersecretary for administrative, financial and industrial affairs Ali Abdulla As Saqr Al Bin Ali, director of trade relations department Badr Abdul Raheem, and other officials.

**White House sees US economy growing**

WASHINGTON, Nov 23. (Reuters): The Reagan administration, bullish to the end on the American economy, predicted yesterday that 1989 would be a year of stronger growth, lower unemployment, falling inflation and declining interest rates.

In contrast to warnings by many experts of hard times ahead unless the federal budget deficit is reduced, White House chief economist Beryl Sprinkel said the economy would expand 3.5 per cent next year and keep growing at a rate of more than three per cent a year in the first half of the next decade.

**Forecast**

"I am pleased to report in the final Reagan administration forecast that the longest peacetime expansion is expected to continue in 1989 and beyond," Sprinkel, chairman of Reagan's Council of Economic Advisers, told reporters.

The White House forecast assumes that the expansion, already six years old this month, will continue for at least 12 years without a recession, a prospect that many private forecasters say is very unlikely.

The economic forecasts will underpin the financial year 1990 budget that Reagan plans to submit to Congress Jan 9. The year begins next Oct 1.

**Growth**

The projections of higher growth and lower interest rates would appear to make it easier for the administration's budget planners to reach the \$100-billion budget deficit target mandated by a budget-balancing law

for the 1990 financial year.

But Sprinkel said he did not want to be accused of making Reagan's final forecast too rosy.

Excluding the impact of the drought, which will have the effect of reducing farm output this year and boosting it next year, projected growth in 1989 would be 2.8 per cent.

That would be less than the 3.3 per cent the White House estimated in its previous forecast, which was released in July, Sprinkel noted.

The official interest rate forecast is also less optimistic than it was in summer, he added.

Growth this year is expected to be 2.6 per cent, or 3.3 per cent if the farm output lost to the drought is restored.

Exports and capital investment should continue to power the economy next year, consumer spending will increase less rapidly and government spending is likely to fall slightly.

**Unemployment**

Solid growth should trim the average unemployment rate to 5.2 per cent in 1989 from 5.4 per cent this year, the White House said.

Although tightness in the labour market and a shortage of factory capacity are causing Wall Street to worry about inflation, Sprinkel predicted consumer prices would go up 3.7 per cent in 1989, less than this year's 4.3 per cent rise.

The Federal Reserve's tight grip on money supply and a declining budget deficit would bring inflation down, permitting

interest rates to fall as well, Sprinkel said.

The three-month Treasury bill rate is expected to average 6.3 per cent in 1989, down from 6.6 per cent this year, while the 10-year treasury note yield is anticipated to drop to 8.3 per cent from 8.8.

White House spokesman Martin Fitzwater said the new projections pointed to an economy that was on a very sound footing.

"The economic indicators are quite positive ... our forecast indicates that it will stay that way, certainly through the 1990 period," Fitzwater said in Santa Barbara, California, where Reagan is spending the Thanksgiving Day holiday.

**IATA grows to 175 members**

GENEVA, Nov 23. (Reuters): Seven airlines from Europe, North America and the Pacific region have joined the International Air Transport Association (IATA) in the past six months, bringing total membership to 175.

The Geneva-based organisation listed the seven in a statement issued today as Aeroflot (West Germany), Airline of the Marshall Islands (Marshall Islands), Air Littoral (France), Alaska Airlines (US), Lognair (United Kingdom), Sunflower Airline (Fiji Islands) and Swedair (Sweden).

IATA said Japan's All-Nippon Airways was expected to join early next year.

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**WORLD STOCK ROUNDUP**

SYDNEY, Nov 23. (Reuters): The market recovered from a nine-day slump and closed stronger after steady trading, but one dealer said it was still vulnerable. The All Ordinaries index rose 11.2 to 1,489.7.

**TOKYO:** Market closed for Thanksgiving Day holiday.

**HONG KONG:** Shares closed strongly with property stocks leading the way in the heaviest trading volume since July 7. The Hang Seng index gained 34.86 to 2,633.65.

**SINGAPORE:** Share prices closed firmer across the board on bargain hunting that spilled over from yesterday. The Straits Times industrial index rose 8.72 points to close at 1,008.24.

**FRANKFURT:** German shares closed mixed in thin turnover on the Frankfurt bourse as the

easier dollar kept trading limited. The 30-share Real-Time Dax index closed at 1,280.87, 3.47 points or 0.3 per cent up on the day.

**BOMBAY:** Market closed for Guru Nanak Jayanti holiday.

**ZURICH:** Share prices continued their second day of recovery as the shock waves settled after Nestle's announcement that it would open up its registered shares to foreign ownership. The Swiss index closed eight points higher at 900.1.

**LONDON:** Shares remained just below their day's highs after being boosted by a £1.3 billion hostile bid from Dutch group Rodamco for Hammerson Property. At 1600 GMT the FTSE 100 was up 14.8 points at 1,836.1.

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Whatever the reason for this ugly behaviour, you should do your very best to deal with such people calmly and intelligently. I know it is hard to just ignore what they have said or done, but remember that they will probably enjoy themselves even more if they know or see that you are upset or angry, because that is exactly what they want you to be. Don't forget too that by shouting or trying to get back at them, you are bringing yourself down to their level and keep in mind that it is not a sign of weakness to say nothing.

Hold your head up high and refuse to take any notice of these nasty people, then you will spoil their fun and come out the winner.

Auntie Jayne

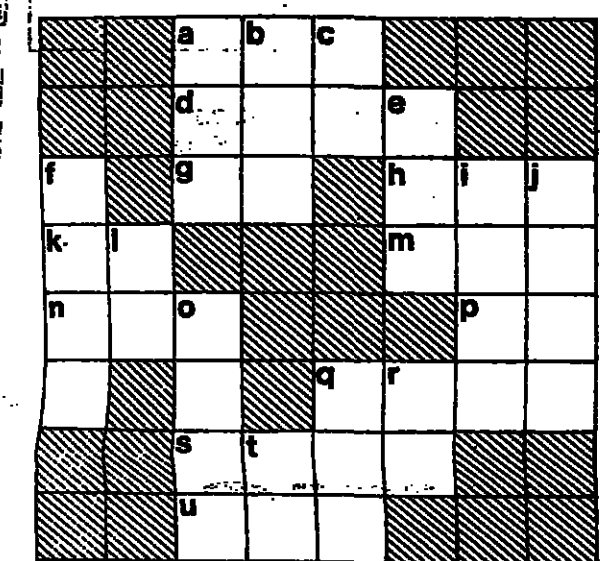
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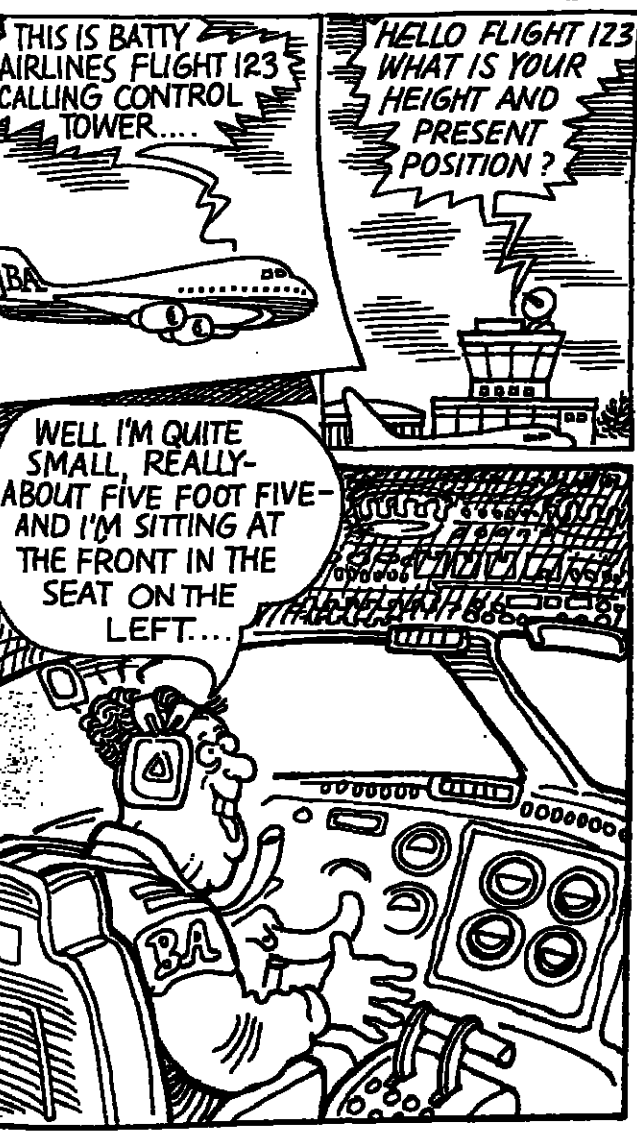
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A 161+143  
D Five thousand and one  
G (7x8)+4  
H 3x231  
K 23-4  
M 7x7x10  
N 13x13  
P How many minutes in an hour?  
S 6000+2430  
U (120x20)+112  
V Number of weeks in a year 'times' 10

Down  
A 16x16  
B How many cm in 9 metres?  
C 17+23  
E 4x4x10+4  
F 1010+101  
I 8000+1963  
J 9000÷3  
L 12x8  
O 1865x5  
Q 9x9x10  
R 7x6  
T Number of cards in a pack



Solution on Tuesday



By Bjornstjerne Bjornsen

## Oeyvind and his goat



ONCE upon a time there was a little boy and his name was Oeyvind. He lived with his father and mother in a little house beside a hill. Fir and birch trees stood on the hillside, and the wild cherry let its blossoms fall on the roof of the house in the spring-time.

Oeyvind had a goat. When he was not playing with it, he kept it up on the flat roof of the little house, so that it could not run away.

One day, while Oeyvind was in the house, the goat looked up to the top of the hill, and he thought, "I should like to go up there." Then he jumped over to the hillside, and climbed far up the hill to a place where he had never been before.

When Oeyvind came out of the house, he looked up to the roof, and his goat was not there. He looked all about, but he could not see it anywhere. He grew very warm for he thought his goat was lost.

"Here, killy-killy-killy-goat," he called. "He heard the goat call to him from the top of the hill. 'Bay-a-a-a,' it called.

The goat was looking down at Oeyvind with its head on one side. A little girl was kneeling beside it with her arms around its neck.

"Is he your goat?" said the little girl.

Oeyvind put his hands into his pockets, and said, "Who are you?"

"I am Marit," said the little girl, "mother's baby, father's mouse, little fairy

in the house; four years old in autumn, two days after the first frost night, I am."

"Are you?" said Oeyvind.

"Yes. Is he your goat, and will you give him to me?" said Marit.

"He is my goat, and I will not give him to anybody," said Oeyvind.

"If I give you a butter-cake, will you give him to me?" said Marit.

Now, Oeyvind had eaten a butter-cake once; it was when his grandfather had come to see them, and he had never tasted anything so good.

"Let me see the butter-

cake," he said. "Here it is," said Marit. She took a butter-cake out of her pocket, and threw it down to Oeyvind. It fell on the ground at his feet.

"Oh, it has all gone to pieces!" he said.

He picked up every piece of it. He tasted the smallest piece. It was so good that he tasted another piece, and another, and another, and before he thought what he was doing, he had eaten the whole cake.

"Now the goat is mine," said Marit.

"Oh no, can't you wait a bit?" said Oeyvind.

"No, no, you have eaten the cake, and the goat is mine," she said. And she put her arms around the goat's neck again. She tried to drag it away. It would not go, but stretched its neck and looked down at Oeyvind.

"Bay-a-a-a," it said. Marit caught hold of its fleece, and pulled it along. "Come, Goatie dear," she said, "you shall come indoors and eat from mother's pretty dish."

As she dragged the goat away, she sang a little song to it about her pets at home.

"Come, goat, to your sire."

Come, calf from the byre;

Come, pussy that mews, In your snowy-white shoes;

Come, ducklings so yellow,

Come, chickens so small,

Each soft, little fellow. That can't run at all;

Come, sweet doves of mine,

With your feathers so fine."

Now the goat was gone. Oeyvind's mother came from the spring with fresh water, and she saw Oeyvind seated on the ground. She said that he was crying.

"What is the matter? Why are you crying?" she asked.

"The goat, the goat!" That was all that Oeyvind could say.

His mother looked up to the roof. "Where is the goat?" she said.

"Oh, it will never come back," said Oeyvind.

"Has the fox taken it?" asked his mother.

"I wish it had been the fox," said Oeyvind. "I sold it for a butter-cake."

"Oeyvind, what do you suppose the little goat thinks of you for selling it for a butter-cake?" said his mother.

Then she went into the house with the spring water, and Oeyvind lay on the ground with his face to the grass, and cried as though he would never stop crying.

After a while he fell asleep, and while he was asleep he had a dream. He dreamt that he saw his goat up on a great white cloud.

The goat said, "Bay-a-a-a."

He wanted to come down to Oeyvind, but Oeyvind could not go up there to bring him down.

Just then something wet poked right into Oeyvind's ear. He sat up.

"Bay-a-a-a," said a voice, and there was the goat!

"Oh, you've come back! You've come back!" said Oeyvind.

He sprang to his feet, took the goat by the forelegs, and danced with it like a brother. He was taking it right in to his mother, when he saw little Marit standing there.

"Oh, it's you who have come with him," said Oeyvind.

"Yes, I was not allowed to keep him," said Marit.

She put her arms round the goat's neck, and cried as though her heart would break. Oeyvind looked away.

"I think you had better keep the goat," he said.

"Well, Marit," said a voice from the top of the hill.

So Marit remembered what she must do. She stood up and held her hand out to Oeyvind.

Oeyvind had his goat again. But he was not as happy with it as he had been before.

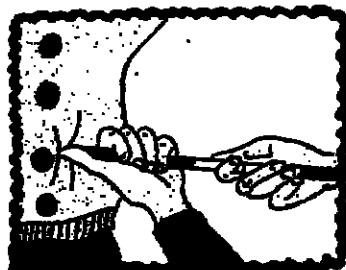
But the next day, and nearly every day after that, Marit came down the hill and played with Oeyvind and his goat, and then Oeyvind and Marit and the goat were all happy.

A page is a part of a book, and the signature is a part of a letter. Can you pick out, from each of the following groups, the word that names the item of which all the other things are parts?

- |   |          |
|---|----------|
| 1 thumb, finger, palm, hand, knuckle                  | 1 .....  |
| 2 bank, water, estuary, river, current                | 2 .....  |
| 3 stern, bow, boat, rowlock, keel                     | 3 .....  |
| 4 lightning, storm, thunder, wind, rain               | 4 .....  |
| 5 stage, seat, foyer, circle, curtain, theatre        | 5 .....  |
| 6 word, full stop, comma, letter, paragraph, sentence | 6 .....  |
| 7 story, plot, beginning, ending, characters          | 7 .....  |
| 8 minutes, hours, days, time, years, centuries        | 8 .....  |
| 9 Thames, Mendips, Brighton, England, Land's End      | 9 .....  |
| 10 hands, watch, face, cogs, winder, spring           | 10 ..... |

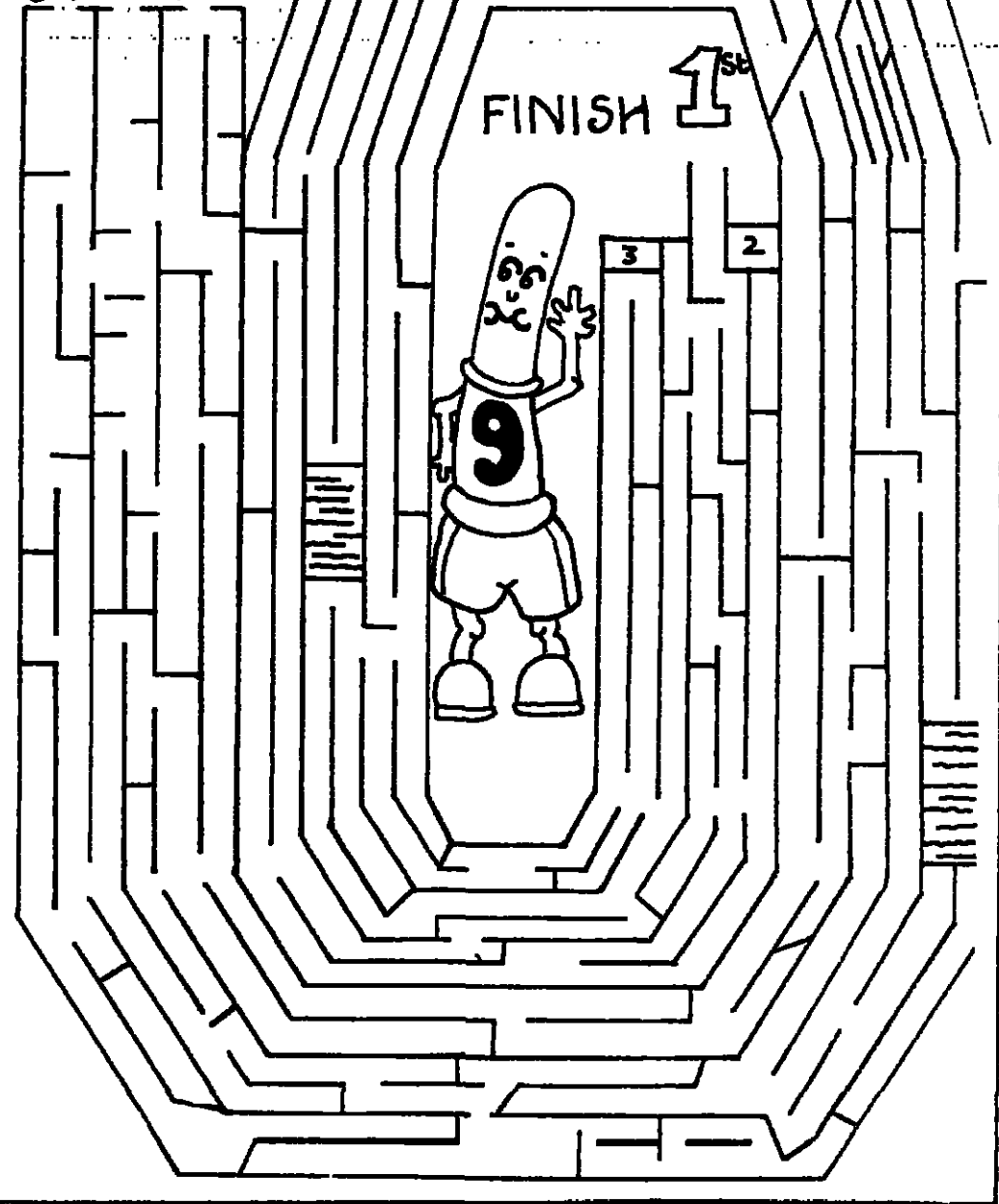
## HOLE in ONE

Take a piece of wooden dowelling about 30cm long. Paint the centre black and the two ends white for a magic wand. Make a small white paper tube that just fits over the white end of the wand by rolling some paper around the wand and gluing the ends together. Place the tube on one end of your wand before the show. Invite a friend to stand up. Pretend to bore a hole into his body! Stand with your right side facing your audience. Place the lip of the wand against your friend's body. Cover the tip with your left hand and push the shell along the wand towards him. If you keep the end of the wand nearest you hidden behind your right arm, it looks as if you are really boring through his body. Pull the shell back along the wand and it looks as if you are pulling the wand out again!



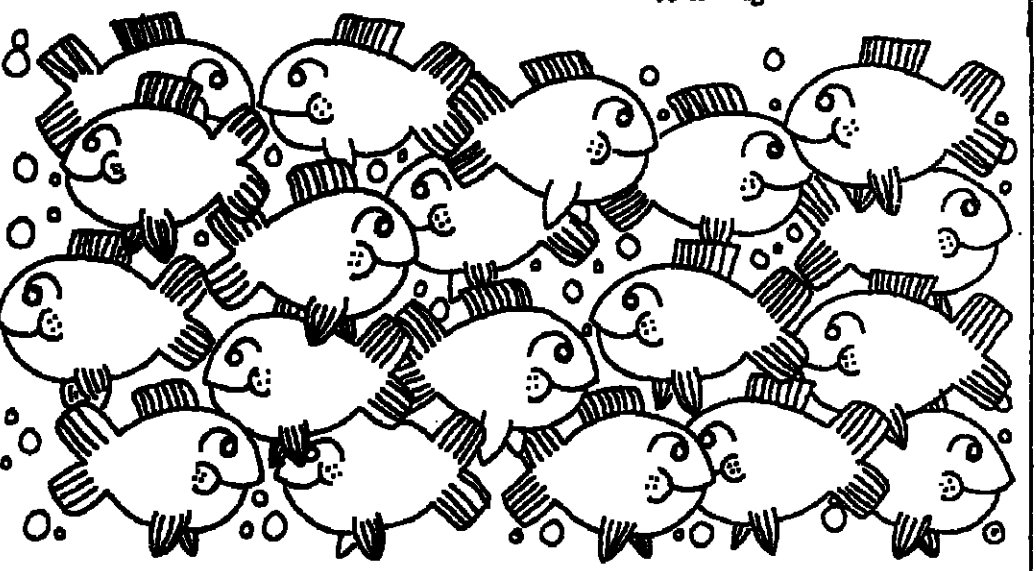
## RUNNER'S RACE

Pick a lane to see which way Runner Bean went. START.

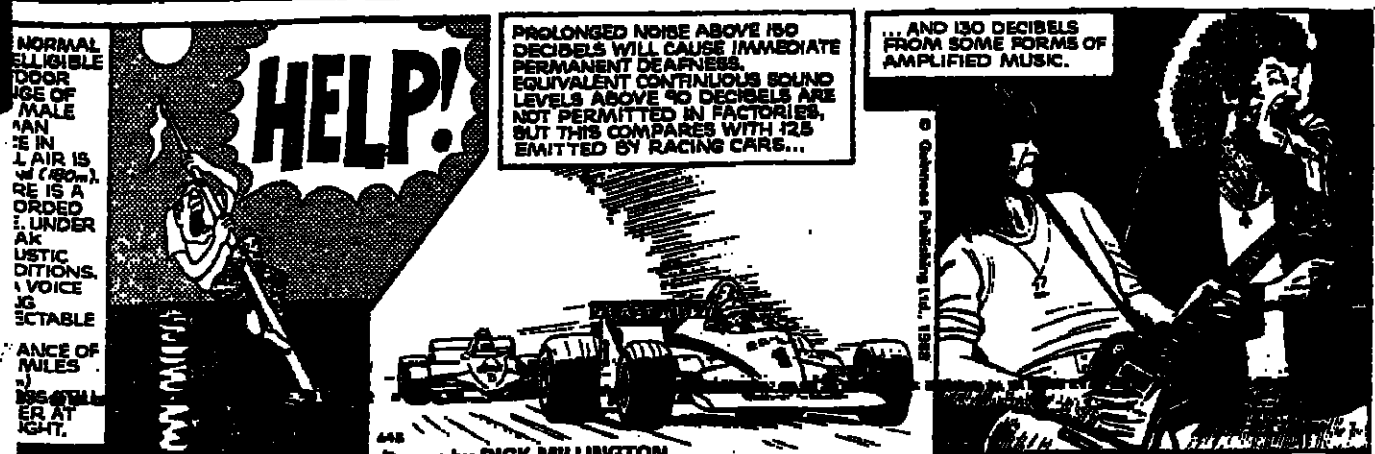


## Counting Cod

How many fish are swimming to the left and how many are swimming to the right?



## Factfile FROM THE GUINNESS BOOK OF RECORDS



## Ha! Ha!

What kind of meat will not stand up straight? Lean meat.

Why did the pelican put his leg in his mouth when he ate out? Because he wanted to foot the bill.

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## 12 teams taking part in PBAK tournament

THE 2nd PBAK Filipino Non-Pro Bowling League gets under way tomorrow with 12 teams vying for the top prize.

In a press conference held at the Holiday Inn hotel on Tuesday evening, all the 12 teams confirmed their participation in the event and also named their squads.

The conference was presided by Manny Inserto, president of the Philippine Bowlers Association in Kuwait (PBAK). Also present were the personnel manager of Holiday Inn Sonia A. Dino, assistant recreation manager Patrick Diegan and Ahmed M. Maher, manager rooms division.

The squads of the 12 teams will be as follows:

**Team Captain: Carl Baginda, vice-captain: Flor Tongson, Willy Sabay, Roger Salgado, Evi Sabay, Ulysses Santigian, Rida Boya, George Gieran, Peping Bagay, Team manager: Ramzi Jalshah.**

**Manila (Held Laga - Alghosh In'l Falls Door to Door Service)**

**Team captain: Manny Inserto, vice-captain: Ojie Olor, Helen Inserto, Sarah Macarimbang, Arlene Bonicillo, Tess Olor, Joel Bonicillo, Bobby Bautista, Bob Pook, Massimo Al-Shanti & Nader Fauzi Al-Aqar, Team manager: Sarah Macarimbang.**

**Baguio City (Far East Restaurant Co)**

**Team captain: Jimmy Tadena, vice-captain: Waldo Al, Zikri, Edwin Nepomuceno, Muntia Haudana, Gies Ruiz, Saleh Karam, Bader Shahin, Malou Tadena & Vangie, Team manager: Adnan Khalil.**

**Cavite City (Yell & Alayyan Trading Co)**

**Team captain: Lando Caburao, vice-captain: Rico Pino, Pete Nierva, Jesus Ventas, Tony Lacson, Homer Medina, Ness Sogile, and Mercy Labore, Team manager: A. Redha Masouri, Asst manager: Gili Hecio.**

**Las Pinas (Al Bahrain Door to Door)**

**Team captain: Cora Paras, vice-captain: Joe Chavil, Victor Pasa, Art Cabal, Joel Aaron, Romy Andrea, Team manager: Joe Gangal.**

**Makati: Victor Chiong, vice-captain: Komaruddin, Sam Boker, Ozama Hashim, Clement Mesenas, Sunny Thomas, Luz Mesenas & Jamalish.**

**Manila Bay: Rudy Zablan, vice-captain: Jun Cheng, Baby Militante, Mar Evangelista, Celso Estrada, Rene Militante, Mat & Mari Balis.**

**Parangue (Kawit Airways): Team captain: Freddie Fernandez, vice-captain: Nelson Guillermo, Ed de Leon, Rene Cabardo, Jun Pacarigan, Archie Nams, Chary Nepomuceno, Team manager: Jun Pacarigan.**

**Quezon City: Team captain: Anukul, vice-captain: Pongak, Tito Ocampo, Loy, Jim Thames, George Alencija.**

**San Juan (Aero Eng Co): Team captain: Mandy Salvo, vice-captain: Bong Pagutayao, Rolly Mendoza, (Mab Bautista, Sammy Begonia, Amade Garcia, Elio Nasr, Arer Raza, Vicky Mendoza & Weng Mendoza, Team manager: Rolly Mendoza.**

**Valeza: Team captain: Ernie Landrito, vice-captain: Jojo Medrano, Jun Manalo, Joe Biog, Rolly Galicha, Jupai Rivera, Benjie Guimoy & Bhe Guimoy.**

**Zamboanga City: Team captain: Franklin Mariano, vice-captain: Ding Celeste, Sonny Mariano, Toto Abear, Eddy Cruz, Biet Danies, Jo Reyes, Vangie Simoy & Chit Acosta.**

The League will be opened by Jean Abou Nohra, general manager of Holiday Inn & Elias M. Jppal, manager of Dollarco Exchange Co Ltd, who are both the sponsors of the competition.

The most charming muse will be selected from the teams' muses for 1988-89 and will be awarded a special prize. First & second runners-up will also be given prizes.

**Bright Stars and Union triumph**

BRIGHT STARS beat Zarqa Cricket Club by 26 runs and Union Cricket overcame Skylark Cricket Club by 12 runs in the Goodyear YMCA Winners Cup matches at Ahmadi earlier this week.

In the first match, Bright Stars batted first and scored 186 for the loss of six wickets. In reply, Zarqa could only get 160 for seven.

Salim was the top scorer for Bright Stars with 63. Mohammed Ali remained unbeaten with 55. Ait hit 23 and Arun scored 21. Zarqa skipper Naem took three wickets for 18 runs in four overs while Shahid Butt took two for 35 and Mubashar one.

For Zarqa the top scorers were Naem and Mubashar with 32 each with the latter remaining unbeaten. Sarfraz scored 23 runs.

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In the second match, Union batted first, after winning the toss, and scored 146 for the loss of nine wickets in 27 overs. Mohammed Azam scored 30 and Farrakh Butt 39.

Skylark's Phillip took four wickets for 16 runs in six overs and was well supported by Abu Baker and Pareshi who took two wickets each.

Skylark only managed to score 134 for nine in their allotted overs with Bader Munir taking five wickets for 22 runs in six overs.

Tomorrow, at 8.45 am, Hyderabad meet Lanka Colts with the umpires being provided by Union and Deccan Green while at 12.45 pm Capri take on OKCC. The umpires for the second match will be provided by Social and Zarqa.

## INDIA TAKE ON NEW ZEALAND IN BOMBAY

# Vengsarkar to play 100th Test



Vengsarkar

BOMBAY, Nov 23. (Reuter): Dilip Vengsarkar becomes the seventh person and only the second Indian to play 100 Tests when he leads his country in the second cricket Test against New Zealand starting tomorrow.

"I am very happy that I am playing my 100th Test in front of my home crowd," Vengsarkar said. "It will be a very emotional moment for me."

### Record

India's former captain and opening batsman Sunil Gavaskar played in a world record 125 Tests.

Two further milestones could be set during the match which New Zealand must win to square the three-Test series.

New Zealand skipper John Wright needs only 26 runs to overtake Bevan Congdon as New Zealand's highest run scorer in Tests. Wright now has

3,423 runs. For India, Kapil Dev is just 88 runs away from joining England's Ian Botham as the only Test all-rounders to score more than 4,000 runs and take 300 wickets.

The New Zealanders have still not fully recovered from the viral fever which swept through the team on the rest day of the first Test.

But manager Ken Deas said he was confident that key all-rounder Richard Hadlee, one of the worst affected, would be fit.

New Zealand are likely to bring in Danny Morrison in place of left-arm spinner Evan Gray to join Hadlee and Ewen Chatfield in the pace attack and reduce their spin attack to two.

The Wankhede stadium pitch and Bombay's steamy weather may give more encouragement to seam and swing than in the first

Test at Bangalore where the Indian spinners took 17 of the 20 wickets to fall.

But history is not on New Zealand's side. In the last Test between the two teams here 12 years ago the Indian spinners took 18 out of 20 wickets as India crushed the New Zealanders by 162 runs.

### Probable teams:

India — Dilip Vengsarkar (captain), Krishnamachari Srikanth, Arun Lal, Navjot Sidhu, Mohammed Azharuddin, Ravi Shastri, Kapil Dev, Kiran More, Sanjeev Sharma, Arshad Ayub, Narendra Hirwani.

New Zealand — John Wright (captain), Trevor Franklin, Andrew Jones, Ken Rutherford, Mark Greatbatch, Richard Hadlee, Chris Kuggeleijn, John Bracewell, Ian Smith, Danny Morrison, Ewen Chatfield.

## Ejaz slams Crown for unbeaten 66

# Evergreen score easy wins

EVERGREEN scored two victories in a day at the Abdulla Salem grounds earlier this week.

In the first match Evergreen thrashed YMCA by seven wickets while in the second Evergreen crushed Crown Cricket Club by nine wickets.

YMCA, playing the first match of the Al Mulla Trophy, opted to bat first but ran into some accurate Evergreen bowling and were all out for 147 in 25 overs.

### Chipped

The only YMCA batsman to thrash the Evergreen bowling was Imtiaz who scored 54, including 18 runs in the first over. Hafiz, Winston and Ambrose chipped in with 14, 23 and 22 runs respectively.

For Evergreen, Zulqarnain took three wickets while Chris got two for 33 and 13 runs respectively. Asad Baig and Shabbir took one wicket each.

Evergreen opened their innings through Dawood and Shehzad, who took the score to 41 before the latter was sent back to the pavilion for 15. Dawood went on to score 35 before he too was out with the total score 92.

Shabbir came in and hit a quick 47 before he went back with the score 122. Asad Baig hit some brilliant shots while taking his team past the victory target. He remained unbeaten on 37.



Saleh Issa Al Kindy being introduced to the Evergreen squad.

For YMCA, Imtiaz bowled accurately, giving away only 26 runs in his overs and getting one wicket. Ambrose and Vincent took the other two wickets.

In the second game, the opening match of the Gulf Air Trophy, Crown opted to bat first and scored 115 for nine in 25 overs. Azam Junior was the top scorer with 32. Ejaz Senior, Shehzad and Ishfaq were the only batsmen to reach the double figures with 16, 14 and 13 respectively.

Shehzad took three wickets while Haji Zulqarnain got two and Shabbir two also. Evergreen scored the required

runs for the loss of only one wicket in 14 overs, that of Haji Zulqarnain. Ejaz played brilliantly and remained unbeaten on 66. He hit 10 fours. Razzak was also in terrific form, hitting an unbeaten 42.

For Crown, Azam was the bowler to take the wicket to fall. Before the start of the Gulf Air Trophy match, Evergreen and Crown were introduced to Saleh Issa Al Kindy, the area manager of Gulf Air and sponsor of the tournament.

Saleh Issa Al Kindy opened the tournament by playing the first ball.

## Soviet Union beat US to retain lead

SALONIKA, Greece, Nov 23. (Reuter): Defending champions the Soviet Union retained their lead by defeating the United States in the ninth round of the Chess Olympiad yesterday.

World champion Garry Kasparov beat American Yasser Seirawan to increase his personal tally to 6.5 points from seven games.

Joel Benjamin drew with the black pieces against Soviet Artur Yusupov and American Nick De Firmian adjourned his game against Alexander Beliavsky.

### Equal

England moved into second place with a victory over Sweden, which dropped to fifth equal.

East Germany, the 13th seeds, moved up to third in spite of losing to third-seeded Hungary. Fourth place is occupied by the Philippines, seeded 29th, who beat 12th seeds the Netherlands.

In the women's championship Hungary took the lead by beating fourth-placed Poland on Monday. First seeds the Soviet Union defeated Greece and were in second place.

Fourth-seeded Yugoslavia won against Cuba, the 16th seeds, to occupy third place.



Tyson

## Tyson-Bruno title fight off again

NEW YORK, Nov 23. (AP): Mike Tyson's Jan 14 heavyweight title defence against Frank Bruno is off again, this time amid accusations and threats of lawsuits, according to published reports.

Both the New York Times and the New York Daily News, in today's editions, said the fight was postponed late last night when the Las Vegas Hilton, site of the scheduled match, backed out.

"The fight is off," said Bill Cayton, Tyson's manager, after learning from John Giovenco, of the Nevada Hilton Corporation, that the hotel was "pulling the plug on the Jan 14 date."

Giovenco acted after being told by Tyson's attorney, Howard Weitzman, that Cayton's offer of a deal with boxing promoter Don King was "unacceptable" and there was "no way to keep it alive."

"I'm very disappointed," Cayton said. The terms for a bout with Bruno, who first became the No. 1 contender for Tyson's undisputed crown a year ago, would've earned the champion over \$6 million.

A proposed deal with King, who Tyson says he wants as his exclusive promoter the next four years, was for the four Tyson fights carried by Home Box Office following the Bruno match. Cayton said as "a manager of integrity, I can't let my fighter commit financial suicide."

Now it seems all parties will show on one docket or another.

"It will be a long time before Mike Tyson fights again," said Seth Abraham, an official of HBO, a paid television service.

## Cavaliers edge Celtics

NEW YORK, Nov 23. (AP): Boston has not had a losing month since Larry Bird joined the Celtics in the autumn of 1979. That streak may soon end.

The Cleveland Cavaliers ended a 10-year, 26-game road losing streak against Boston last night, beating the Celtics 114-102 behind 28 points by Mark Price and 22 by Larry Nance.

Boston is 4-6 and has five games left in November, playing Milwaukee, Charlotte and New Jersey at home and travelling to Atlanta and New Jersey.

"We didn't have intensity on defence and we played very poorly," Robert Parish said. "It was a poor showing of Celtic basketball. We were stagnant on offense and not moving around."

Celtics coach Jimmy Rodgers said his team was consistent.

"What we can't accomplish right now is to get a decent run at both ends of the floor," he said.

In other games, Portland beat Seattle 125-104, Indiana beat Milwaukee 105-91, the Los Angeles Lakers beat New York 110-98, Denver beat New Jersey 141-106, Philadelphia beat Washington 130-103, Detroit beat Charlotte 99-93 and Chicago beat Sacramento 114-98.

Danny Ainge scored 28 points for Boston. Kevin McHale had 20 and Parish had 16 and 10 rebounds.

### Pacers 105, Bucks 91:

In its first start under new coach George Irvine, Indiana won its first game of the season, pulling away as Chuck Person scored 10 of his 18 points in the fourth quarter.



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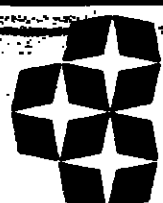
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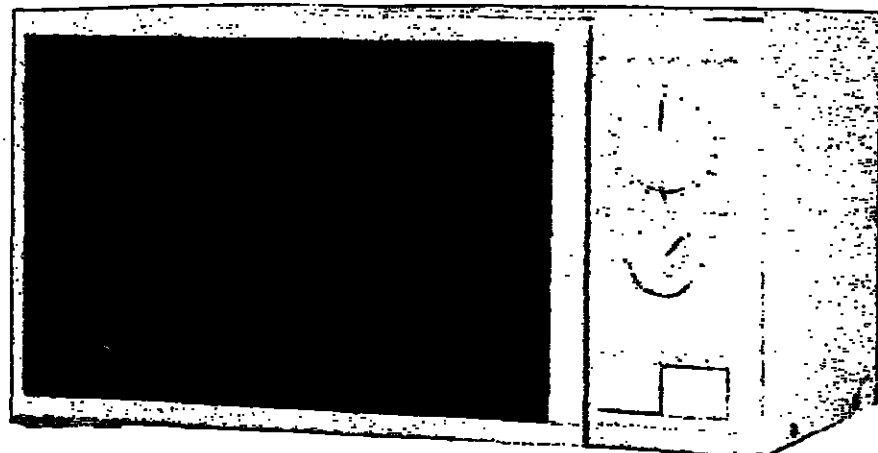
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## Usman Trophy

SUPER ROYAL Cricket Club will organise the Usman Trophy cricket tournament from next month. The last date for entries is Dec 9. A meeting for team representatives will be held on the same day at the Najma Al Khaleej restaurant. For further information contact Zubair or Naeem Shah, tel. 2445392.

## Freddie Spencer

ROME, Nov 23, (UPI): Three-time world motorcycle racing champion Freddie Spencer has come out of retirement and will ride next season for the Yamaha team of former champion Giacomo Agostini.

## Adrian Heath

MADRID, Nov 23, (Reuters): Striker Adrian Heath completed his \$900,000 transfer from English First Division Everton to Espanol yesterday, a spokeswoman for the Spanish soccer club said.

## Luther Blissett

WATFORD, England, Nov 23, (UPI): Luther Blissett, 30, the former England, AC Milan and Watford winger joined English Second Division soccer club Bournemouth for £50,000 (\$90,000) today.

## Manchester United

MANCHESTER, England, Nov 23, (UPI): English First Division soccer club Manchester United lost £1,296,344 (\$2,307,492) in the year ending July 31.

## Ben Johnson

ROME, Nov 23, (UPI): Nearly two months after being stripped of his Olympic 100 metres gold medal, disgraced Canadian sprinter Ben Johnson denied that he took steroids in an interview to be published on Saturday.

## UEFA Cup

LONDON, Nov 23, (Reuters): Result of a third-round replay match in the European Football Union (UEFA) Cup today. Victoria Bucharest (Romania) 1 Turun Palloseura (Finland) 0 (halftime 1-0) in Bucharest.

## ATP officials

NEW YORK, Nov 23, (Reuters): Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP) officials yesterday wrapped up two days of talks with European tournament directors aimed at ironing out plans for a breakaway men's tour in 1990.

## Pakistan squash

RAWALPINDI, Pakistan, Nov 23, (Reuters): Semifinal results in the Pakistan President's Gold Cup international squash tournament today (prefix numbers denote seeding): 2-Jahangir Khan (Pakistan) beat 4-Rodney Martin (Australia) 15-10 15-8 11-15 14-15 15-7. 1-Jansher Khan (Pakistan) beat 5-Chris Dittmar (Australia) 15-13 10-15 15-7 15-12.

## BRIDGE

RESULTS of the Menslieh Ladies Bridge Club game held on Monday: 1. Jamila Akel & Margaret Rob-Walsh 2. Margaret Maynard & Andrea Goodridge 3. Lolli Murtwaite & Camilla Guirgis. Results of the Regency Palace Ladies Bridge Club game held yesterday: 1. Dianne Fulk & Mandy Clarke 2. Alice Nasir & Subashan Oakay 3. Margaret Maynard & Daphne El Saad.

## Kuwait bid for success in Dubai rugby sevens

DUBAI: Kuwait Nomads today launched their bid for a place in next year's prestigious Hong Kong Sevens when they go into action in the Dubai Exiles international rugby sevens tournament.

The Kuwait first team begin their challenge for the Gulf knockout title this afternoon with a first round game against Bahrain II.

Victory for captain Steve Hill and his side will set up a quarter-final tie with the winners of the match between Jubail and Al Ain.

Kuwait have never won the Gulf knockout event in the Middle East's biggest rugby tournament, sponsored by Emirates, the international airline of the UAE, in association with MMI, so they are keen to become the first Kuwaiti side to represent the Gulf in Hong Kong.

There will be no shortage of support for the Nomads in this weekend's two-day rugby festival, with more than 20 players and supporters from Kuwait RFC having made the trip to Dubai.

## REENY JOHN ON COURSE FOR TRIPLE CROWN

## Faiz blasts Joseph for semifinals

FAIZ MOHYUDDIN stayed on course for his fifth Kuwait Open Badminton tournament crown when he scored an overwhelming victory over Bijoy Joseph in the quarterfinals at the Hubara courts late Tuesday evening.

Faiz, the top seed and favourite to take the men's singles title, gave his future opponents a glimpse of the things in store for them when he blasted Joseph off court, winning 15-0 15-0.

The top seed was simply too fast for his opponent who was not given the opportunity to settle down. The crowd had expected Faiz to take things easy as the former champion was due to play in the mixed doubles half an hour later.

Not only did Faiz crush his singles opponent but also his mixed doubles rivals when he joined Reeny John to thrash R. Dickson and K. Taylor 15-4 15-1. Reeny John won all her matches and stayed on course for a triple crown.

Faiz won the singles title from 1983 to 86. He also took the triple crown from 1984 to 86. He did not take part in the tournament



Faiz: about to serve to his opponent

last year.

In the semifinals, Faiz was last night due to play T.C. George who was given a tough fight by Thomas Koshi before winning 9-15 18-17 15-11.

Reji Joseph also moved into

the semifinals of the men's singles with a 15-10 15-9 victory over Chandu Mathai. Joseph's opponent in last night's semifinals was Siva Kumar, who beat S. Varghese 17-15 15-11. Siva is an unseeded player and has caused a

number of upsets in the tournament so far. In the third round on Monday, he eliminated M.K. Thomas, last year's champion.

In the ladies singles, Reeny John moved to a semifinal clash with Minnie Ninan after getting a walkover against Doris Saldhana. Ninan crushed Rupa Krishnan 11-2 11-0.

Reeny Tharian and Suja Varghese also set up a semifinal clash with easy victories on Tuesday. Reeny brushed aside Asha Kutty 11-0 11-7 while Suja had no mercy for Dary Satheesh, whom she routed 11-2 11-1.

R. John and S. Varghese had an easy ladies doubles quarterfinals game when they beat R. Krishnan and D. Saldhana 15-2 15-3. They now face R. Tharian and S. Jacob who trounced H. Partridge and L. Green 15-2 15-0.

M. Ninan and V. Jacob and V. Kutty and A. Kutty met in the other semifinal. Ninan and Jacob defeated R. Rupinath and N. Nair 15-7 15-5 while V. Kutty and A. Kutty routed K. Taylor and M. Haseman 15-4 15-3.

T.C. George and Faiz were to clash twice last night. After meeting in the singles semifinal,

George and M. Ninan were to meet Faiz and Reeny John in the mixed doubles. George and M. Ninan beat A.M. Ghazi and N. Nair 15-6 15-3 in their quarterfinal.

In the other mixed doubles semifinals, J. and S. Varghese were playing R. Sequeira and R. George last night. J. and S. Varghese beat J. Taylor and M. Haseman 15-2 15-7 while Sequeira and George thrashed G. Joseph and S. Jacob 15-3 15-9.

## Walkover

In the men's doubles, K. Thomas and J. Varghese beat J. Kurian and Sunil Kumar 8-15 15-9 18-15; P.I. Chacko and P.K. Satheesh got a walkover against F. Mohyuddin and M. Al Zeer; P. Cherian and Siva Kumar defeated C. Mathai and Reji Joseph 15-9 9-15 18-13; L. Gon-salves and Bijoy Joseph overcame C. George and G. Joseph 10-15 15-10 18-17.

In the semifinals, Thomas and Varghese were to meet P.I. Chacko and Satheesh in one match while the other two winners clashed in the other.

The finals will be held this evening at the Hubara courts at 5.00 pm.

## Harriers to meet unpronounceables

LONDON, Nov 23, (AP): Fans of the Kidderminster Harriers soccer team will have the chance to win a bottle of bubbly when their team plays in the Welsh Cup on Saturday.

All they have to do is pronounce the name of the opposition — Llanfairpwllgwyllgiogoch-ychwyrndrobwllantysiliogogog.

Kidderminster, which plays in the Welsh Cup despite being located in England, hosts the semi-pro team which hails from a small town on the island of Anglesey in north-west Wales.

## Chesnokov overcomes heat and Rebolledo

ITAPARICA, Brazil, Nov 23, (Reuters): Second seed Andrei Chesnokov, of the Soviet Union overcame the sun and heat to beat Chilean Pedro Rebolledo 4-6 7-5 7-6 in the first round of the Itaparica Open Tennis tournament yesterday.

"I feel like a hero winning this match," Chesnokov said later. "I'm glad I'm still alive. Before each point I thought I wouldn't make it to the end."

## Successive

He did it the hard way, fighting back from 5-1 down in the deciding set tie-break by sweeping six successive points.

The match was played under a

heavy sun in a temperature of 35 degrees Centigrade (95 Fahrenheit), conditions which Chesnokov said he had never experienced before.

The contest lasted two hours 20 minutes, and Chesnokov said he felt that after losing the first set he could not win.

Rebolledo came close to scoring the tournament's second major upset, following the elimination of top seed Emilio Sanchez of Spain by Argentine Javier Frana on Monday.

The Chilean scored the only service break of the opening set in the ninth game. In the second, Chesnokov broke serve for the

first time for a 2-0 lead, immediately dropped his own again, then capitalised on two unforced errors to break the Chilean in the 12th game.

In the decisive set, Rebolledo's ground strokes kept Chesnokov away from the net and both players held serve through 12 games.

Then Rebolledo opened a 5-1 lead in the tie-break and looked poised to win, only for Chesnokov to snatch victory.

Chesnokov now meets American teenager Jim Courier, who beat Brazilian Ivan Kley 6-4 6-2.

## Sri Lanka call off proposed tour of India

BOMBAY, Nov 23, (Reuters): Sri Lanka have called off a proposed tour of India in December and January because their players have other commitments, an Indian cricket official said today.

Ranbir Singh, secretary of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), told reporters after a board meeting that Sri Lankan administrators had said seven members of the national team were playing in Australia and the rest in Bangladesh.

The two countries agreed in outline at the Asian Cricket Conference in Dhaka last month that Sri Lanka would tour India in place of England.

England called off their tour after the Indian government said it would refuse visas to captain Graham Gooch and seven other team members with South African connections.

At domestic level, Singh said the board had agreed to set up a committee to inquire into a row which followed veteran international batsman Mohinder Amarnath's omission from the current Test series against New Zealand.

Amarnath described the selectors as a "bunch of jokers" at a news conference.

## Stuttgart beat Groningen

GRONINGEN, Netherlands, Nov 23, (Reuters): Spectators who threw missiles onto the pitch and started a fire behind one of the goals stopped play in a European Football Union (UEFA) cup match here yesterday.

The disruption came during the third-round first-leg game in which West Germany's VfB Stuttgart beat Groningen 3-1.

Spray cans, fireworks and the metal part of an umbrella were thrown from the crowd at Stuttgart goalkeeper Eike Immel, and the play was stopped for a few minutes while the objects were cleared from the field.

Spectators also set fire to a flag on a gate behind the Stuttgart goal during the second half.

## Police put the fire out.

Czechoslovak referee Jiri Stiegler asked Groningen officials to announce over the stadium loudspeaker in the 75th minute that he would stop the match if any more objects were thrown onto the field. The game was completed without further trouble.

The tie marked Groningen-born Arie Haan's return home as coach of Stuttgart to dent Groningen's Cup hopes.

Karl Allgoewer thrust the West German side ahead in the 17th minute and Italian-born Maurizio Gaudino added two more goals before halftime. Groningen reduced the deficit with nine minutes left through Hennie Meijer.

## Alen drops to fifth place

HARROGATE, England, Nov 23, (Reuters): Bad luck continued to dog Finland's Markku Alen in the British RAC Rally today when he up-ended his Lancia Delta and lost precious minutes to drop into fifth place.

Alen led the five-day event until gearbox trouble and bad weather gave him problems yesterday and allowed his compatriots Juha Kankkunen and Hannu Mikkola to overtake him. His chances of winning the rally at his 15th attempt dwindled further today when his car hit ice and flipped on to its boot just 500 metres from the end of the Elibank forest stage in Scotland.

Positions  
Leading overall positions after 36 stages on the fourth day of the British RAC Rally today:  
1. Hannu Mikkola (Finland) Mazda 323 four hours 48 minutes 34 seconds.  
2. Juha Kankkunen (Finland) Toyota Celica 4:48:48  
3. Bjorn Waldegard (Sweden) Toyota Celica 4:53:36  
4. Timo Salonen (Finland) Mazda 323 4:53:44  
5. Markku Alen (Finland) Lancia Delta 4:53:47  
6. Armin Schwarz (West Germany) Audi 200 4:56:24  
7. Pentti Airikkala (Finland) Lancia Delta 4:56:44  
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